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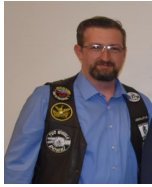
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**LEGISLATIVE**

By Josh "SKI" Witkowski

**NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED**



ARTICLE WRITTEN BY LINDA OLSEN, OPEN ROADS CHAPTER



**WHAT DID ABATE DO IN 2023?**  
(A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education)

**ABATE Bills Passed & Signed into Law**

**SB896** – legalizes red LED underglow while braking and LED insert lighting for turn signals, wrap around signals and disc signals. Takes effect 01/01/24.

**HB2582** – removes the duplicate testing requirement for 16 & 17 year olds while keeping the mandate that they take the Motorcycle Safety Foundation class. Takes effect 01/01/24.

**ABATE supported Bills & Signed into Law**

**HB2131** – creates a zero traffic fatality taskforce and gives a motorcycle rights organization a seat on the taskforce. ABATE is working to fill this appointment.

**HB2231** – treats UBER, Lyft, Door Dash equal to other transportation companies regarding lawsuits. UBER drivers have killed motorcyclists while driving for UBER and UBER was not able to be sued; whereas a cab company would have been liable.

**HB2431** – bans videoconferencing while driving.

**Bills that ABATE defeated**

**HB1108** – creates a noise monitoring program on Lake Shore Drive.

**HB1634/SB2050** – mandate Illinois follow California air emissions requirements banning combustion engines by 2035 and harming off-road racing.

**HB3238** – body armor ban that bans the ownership of some motorcycle protective gear due to it containing Kevlar.

**Issues Facing ABATE**

**Off-Road Issues** – ABATE reached agreement on language for a bill that would allow Off Highway Vehicle to use county & township roads. ABATE was informed that \$1 million is available in the OHV trails funds which IDNR is asking our help in promoting the next round of grants to be awarded from that fund. The state-owned OHV Park near Carbondale is one step closer to reality as IDNR has filed the rules that will govern the park with JCAR.

**Autonomous Vehicles in Illinois** -vehicle code and liability laws are written in such a way creating gridlock on how to move forward. ABATE will regroup and work on smaller bills to codify that vehicles must have a driver present and in control at all times.

**Right to Repair** – this issue has a lot of attention and is strongly being pushed nationally. When passed this bill will allow motorcyclists and off-roads drivers to get their vehicles repaired anywhere (not just at designated locations). ABATE is working with national contacts and Motorcycle Rights Foundation.

**Driverless Cars** – ABATE of IL, Inc. will be working with other State ABATEs and Motorcycle Riders Foundation as well as key federal representatives to work out issues with driverless cars.

**Profiling** – Many local issues have been resolved. Seems too many businesses stereotype motorcyclists and ABATE is educating them and the public about our mission/goals.

**Safety** – ABATE and Motorcycle Riders Foundation met with representatives from the National Transportation Safety Board to continue dialogue about motorcycle safety. Ideas about funding, increased awareness, and accountability will be shared with states.

**Open Roads ABATE Issues** – We Need YOU to Become a Member. No, you don't need a motorcycle to join...just support our cause. ABATE's main mission is to preserve the rights, safety, and education of all motorcyclists and on/off roads vehicles; however, any law regarding "Rules of the Road" affects ALL drivers. All drivers become more aware of motorcyclists on the road, changes in laws, and receive information before the general public. Membership includes a free legal will, Downed Rider program, patches, \$3000 life insurance policy, and legislative updates. The next chapter meeting is Saturday, February 24, 6 pm, at Plano American Legion (510 E. Dearborn Street in Plano).



**Begin 2024 with an Open Roads ABATE calendar. Calendar includes all holidays, important dates, missions/ goals of ABATE, and motorcycle events. Call (630) 552-3828 and get your calendar today.**

**Open Roads ABATE Upcoming Events**

**February 1** – Open Roads ABATE Summer Books ready for purchase

**February 3** – Northwest Region ABATE Chili Shootout, Dixon VFW, 3-7 pm

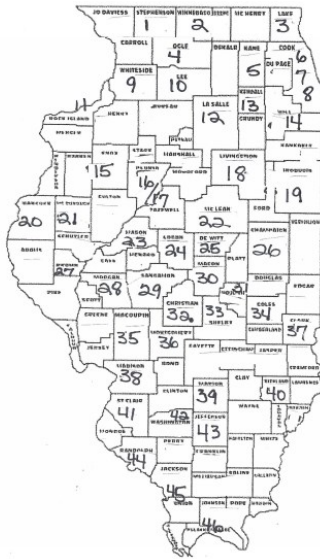
**February 24** – Open Roads ABATE Chapter Meeting, 6 pm, Plano Legion

**March 9** – Open Roads ABATE Chili Cook-Off & Pool Tournament, Plano Hometown Lanes, 11:30 am-4 pm

There are roughly 8 million registered motorcyclists in America. If even a small percentage were to join with ABATE and/or Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) in our mission to preserve motorcycling, what a voice we would have! Or imagine what would happen if the vast majority of those 8 million riders chose to do nothing! What will you choose?

To join Motorcycle Riders Foundations, go to <https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/>. To join ABATE of Illinois, go to <https://www.abate-il.org/>. To join Open Roads ABATE, go to Open Roads ABATE on Facebook or contact Cliff on (630) 552-3828.





**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
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- Kaskaskia Valley-42
- Piasa-Gateway-38
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- St. Clair-41

**Northeast Region Chapters**

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- Dukane-5
- Northern Illinois-3
- South Suburban-8
- Will County-14
- Windy City-7

**East Central Region Chapters**

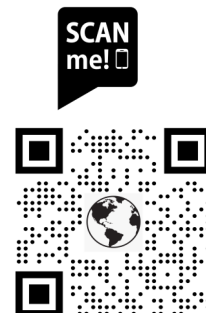
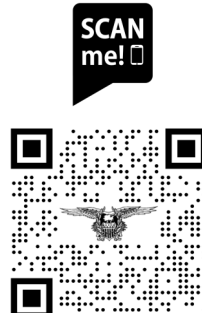
- Eastern Illinois-26
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- Salt Creek-24
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**What is ABATE?**

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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State  
Coordinator

Hello again A.B.A.T.E. members, riders, friends.  
Well, another year has gone, and I would like to thank you all  
for the work you have done for motorcycle rights.

You've attended benefits and rallies. You talked to your politicians when asked.  
Your voice was heard both at state, and federal levels. You have supported your chapters, and your state board.  
Plus, you provided training for new riders. You are leaders and watch guards of the motorcycle rights movement.  
So again, thank you.

But not all was as we wanted last year. We had some rough times within our ranks.  
We have and are still working through some of them. But when the job needed done all stepped up.  
As we look forward to the new year I would like to start with a clean slate. Let's stop worrying about what  
was and focus on what is needed for the upcoming year. If Josh is only half right, and it's rare when he isn't on  
top of things. We are facing many new and some old challenges this coming year and we need to be ready to react.  
So, we don't have time to live in the past on issues that no longer mean anything. We must work together and show that  
we are strong enough to forgive and forget. Our way of life may depend on just how well we can work together.

Our way of life is changing as riders. We must change with the times, but never forget what we stand for. That only works if we  
come together, statewide at all levels. The time is now to step up and start the new year as a complete team.  
Please think about what I'm saying, it's so important.

Thank you again for being a part of A.B.A.T.E. ONE AND ALL.  
**Your State Coordinator Bob (Mouse) Ellinger**



Assistant State  
Coordinator

As for the writing of my article BRRRR it is cold. I just would like to say  
**THANK YOU EVERYONE** for all the help you have given me to put on the State seminar. I cannot  
Thank you all enough. Already starting on 2025 seminar stay tuned for details. Scooter



State  
Treasurer

At Seminar, the chapter Treasurers discuss some basic Soft Audit questions which  
each chapter should answer.  
The answers are solely for the chapter to know.

**SOFT AUDIT QUESTIONS**

- Are all you chapter officer's current members of ABATE of IL, Inc?
  - Is your chapter name and Tax ID Number listed on all chapter bank accounts?
  - Who is on the current Bank Signature cards for each bank account?
  - Is each person on the Bank Signature Card(s) a current member of ABATE of IL, Inc?
  - Do you have Chapter Bylaws, or do you use the State Bylaws?'
  - Does each officer have a copy of the Bylaws used by the chapter?
  - Does your chapter follow Robert's Rules of Order during meetings?
  - Does your chapter have a copy of Robert's Rules of Order, 12th edition?  
(ISBN 13:978-1-5417-9771-0)?
  - What is the date of your Annual Meeting? (Hint: it's the meeting where officers are elected)
  - Do your Annual Meeting Minutes show the names of newly elected chapter officers?
  - Do you have financial report prepared for publishing at the regular meetings of the chapter?
  - Does your December 31 balance on the Bank Statement and the Chapter financial Report agree?
- Source: A.B.A.T.E. of IL Seminar– Jan. 20, 2024, Treasurer Breakout Session  
Always a Pleasure, Paul Truax



Activities  
Coordinator

No article submitted.



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[abate.alerts@abate-il.org](mailto:abate.alerts@abate-il.org), so make sure to add that address to your safe senders list.

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Newsletter Coordinator

Articles due February 10th 2024 for the March 2024 Printed 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.



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2024 BAKE SALE —SOLD OUT AGAIN!!!
Thank you to everyone that donated to the bake Sale. \$790 was raised and will pay for printing cost Pac's January issue, and part of the March issue; also covers FEDPAC's printing cost for March.

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Products Coordinator

Hello fellow freedom fighters:

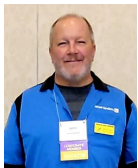
It's always hard to write an article before an event has happened so here it goes.

Thank you for the suggestions.

We are about motorcycling and motorcycling rights. Working together for a common purpose and goal. Thank you for all you do.

Thank you to Scott for having folks help set up products. Thank you to the folks who came and made purchases to support products. Hello to new faces and folks haven't seen in a bit.

See you next time.
Paulette Korte
Products Coordinator
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Safety and Ed Coordinator

Burrrrr.....
January was a cold month. In my area it hit

-11 degrees. Some of you were hit with colder weather and lots of snow. When the icy mess clears up, the cold won't stop some from riding. Some of you may go to another state where it's more weather friendly for motorcyclists... Although February is the shortest month of the year, it can also be dangerous for motorcycle riders in warmer states. Here are some tips to keep you safe and warm on your bike: February is typically the coldest month of the year in many parts of the USA, which means that riders have to deal with low temps, wind chill, ice, snow, and reduced visibility. These factors can affect the performance of the bike, the grip of the tires, and reaction times. February is also the shortest month of the year, which means that there are fewer daylight hours and

more darkness. This can make it harder for riders to see and be seen, especially if they do not wear bright colors. February is also a month when many riders resume riding after a long winter break. This can lead to a lack of practice, rusty skills, and overconfidence. Riders may underestimate the risks and challenges of riding in winter conditions. Remember by taking some precautions, such as wearing appropriate clothing, checking the weather, inspecting your bike, and riding defensively, riders can reduce the chances of getting into a crash and enjoy their ride safely.

2024 Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities = 0.

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State Secretary

It was great to see so many friends at the Seminar. I hope everyone had a great time and maybe learned something along the way. There have been some adjustments to the 2024 calendar. **The next board meetings are: February 17, 2024 at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center. Executive Board at 10:30 Board of Directors at 1:00pm.**

Looking forward to a great year ahead.  
Happy Valentine's Day  
Teri Smith  
Secretary

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

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### **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
February 17	E-Board and BOD meeting
March 16	E-Board meeting
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



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Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters!

Brrrrrr! Winter finally showed up here in Illinois and brought the snow and cold with it. I hope that you've all found a way to stay warm while spreading the word about motorcyclists' rights and safety!

What a great ABATE of Illinois State Seminar! It was a weekend filled with motorcyclist camaraderie and learning great things to take back to your chapters. How great was the taco bar on Friday and Mardi Gras on Saturday?! ABATE of Illinois Assistant State Coordinator Scott Carter and Activities Coordinator Sharilyn Kibler-Russell did a great job putting this event on. We truly hope that you got a lot out of that weekend, and we thank the Northfield Inn, Suites, and Conference Center for being gracious hosts. We also thank ABATE Legal, XLN Services, Hupy & Abraham, Northfield Inn, Suites, and Conference Center, Ramada Inn Springfield North, and Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center for being great sponsors! Thank you for Sponsorship also goes out to the ABATE Chapters Embarras Valley, Ten Mile Creek, St. Clair County, Freeport, Twin Rivers, Open Roads, DuKane, Thunder Rock, Salt Creek, Prairieland, Eastern Illinois, South Suburban, Piasa-Gateway, Starved Rock, Northern Illinois, Blackhawk, Shoal Creek, Backroads, Crawford County, Kishwaukee Valley, Heart of Illinois, Lamoine Valley, Will County, Shawnee Hills, Chicago, Lincoln Land, and Tri-County. Thank you all!

Let's get 2024 off to an awesome start with bringing motorcycle awareness to our communities. What plans do you have to get into schools to talk to students? What events in your community will you be taking part in to spread the message of ABATE and what we do for motorcyclists? These are important conversations to have now as calendars are being put together. We are only as powerful as our efforts. Let's make it a point in 2024 to bring that effort to make people aware of who we are and what we do. All too often, I hear riders say, "What is ABATE of Illinois?" and that's not a good thing. Our work is too important for riders not to know about. Fill them in, bring them to meetings and events, and get them to join us in the work we do.

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 17<sup>th</sup>

ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet on April 28<sup>th</sup>

ABATE of Illinois State Party on June 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day is on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:legislative@abate-il.org).

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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## EXECUTIVE BOARD/BOD MEETINGS



**Saturday**  
**February 17, 2024**



**EBOD - 10:30am**  
**BOD - 1:00pm**



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- What ABATE of Illinois is about.
- Motorcycle and off-road experience
- Legislative issues concerning motorcycles and off roading.
- Motorcycle safety or education
- Rider education

The essay along with a cover letter containing the applicant's name, address and affiliation to ABATE of Illinois can be either mailed or emailed to the ABATE State office no later than April 1 of each calendar year.

The scholarship recipient will be announced at the April Board of Director's meeting each year and the recipient's essay will be featured in the ABATE of Illinois Newsletter.

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## NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

As I write this update, the Northeast Region is receiving Mother Nature's worst weather of the season with heavy snow to be followed by extreme cold for the next week. Any motorcyclists still riding after the New Year will be parked until further notice. Now is a good time to attend a local chapter meeting to hear about ABATE of Illinois' 2024 agenda and support chapter fundraising events that are taking place ahead of the riding season. When you attend an event, bring a non-member riding buddy along. They will see what it is that we do, they will have a good time and then invite them to join the cause. Following are events that will be taking place in the next couple months:

Chicago Chapter- Chili Cook-Off & Jalapeno Pepper Eating Contest

Saturday February 10, 12 PM  
River Park Moose Lodge, River Grove

DuKane Chapter- ABATE Bowling Classic  
Sunday March 17, 2 PM  
Bowlero, Glendale Heights

Northern Illinois Chapter- Annual Chili Cook-Off  
Saturday February 24, 6 PM  
Wauconda American Legion Post

Will County Chapter- Cabin Fever Party  
Saturday February 10, 6 PM  
Stone City VFW



## NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB CARROLL

Hello Northwest Region!

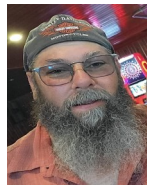
I would like to have a list of all the Chapter Officers by the Chili Shootout. Also, a list of everyone's Activities for the year if you can. Events I know about is Northwest Region Chili Shootout Feb 3rd at 3pm to 7pm. Last Chili in at 4pm Same place as last year VFW in Dixon. Legislative Day April 17 in Springfield.



## EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL CO-COORDINATORS REPORT:

**RICK MAKOWSKI & TODD FARTHING**

East Central Members, we have a lot of local events coming up the next few months so get your events to us so we can keep the EC Region page up dated. Also send us your flyers and we will make sure they are posted on the page. Warm weather coming soon. If you need us to attend your chapter meeting always reach out to us! Rick and Todd



## WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

**MIKE THOMPSON & GEORGE HURST**

Contact us for any of your needs! Let us know your upcoming events and meetings. Mike and George



## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

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## SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOBBY STOUT

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## **HOW DO YOU MAKE A 1919 INDIAN SCOUT GO NEARLY 200 MPH?**

Get Burt Munro to ride for you, that is if you caught him before he passed. He did the speed thing in 1967 after turning a 600cc engine into a 1000cc engine. The original 600cc v-twin with side valves together with a hand change gearbox had no rear suspension but there was a leaf spring that allowed 2" of travel. Imagine 200mph on that?

The fabled Indian sits in a hardware store in New Zealand. Most parts of the 1919 Indian were custom made by Burt over a period of nearly 5 decades. He bought that bike for \$150. Even so, got her to go 183 mph which set a land speed record. Burt passed at age 78 and the 183 speed was his last try.

If you happen to be roaming around Invercargill, New Zealand stop at the hardware store and savor a moment of motorcycle glory. And if you run out of things to watch, catch Anthony Hopkins as Burt in the critically acclaimed film "The World's Fastest Indian". You will thank me.

### **CC TO ROD TAYLOR ATTORNEY AT LAW WORKS - JUST ASK JACK**

Spoke with long time ABATE member Jack Devine about a government issue involving his mother, Cora. I reminded him that in dealing with the adverse, especially the government, it does not count unless it is in writing. So always get the email of the other side and send a polite confirmation of what was said and what they were to do. And show a cc to Rod Taylor Attorney at Law. Sometimes that works to let the other side know you have a consigliere working on your side. All ABATE members have the authority to use my name in that way.

Jack reminded me how well that worked a few years back. He had a girlfriend who moved in and left her place largely unoccupied. The bad guys discovered that fact and cleaned her out, including a handgun belonging to Jack. That gun wound up in the hands of a bad guy from Rockford who was arrested, and that gun was seized. A cop from there filed a claim for the handgun, so the local gendarmes refused to turn the gun back to Jack, the rightful owner. Jack called ABATE LEGAL -and my sought advice. I prepared a draft of a letter Jack was to send setting out the law and demanding return of his property - with a cc to Rod Taylor Attorney at Law. Jack called me the next day and advised the cops just delivered his handgun. So having a consigliere in the background

works. Just another benefit of belonging to the best motorcycle organization in the world. Just ask Jack.

### **MOTORCYCLE DREAM**

Not only is motorcycling fun, but it offers a variety of ways to have fun. Like many other riders, I find it is fun to go fast.

In 2015, the late great Gus Miller offered me a chance to pilot his 1977 Harley-Davidson XLCR on the Bonneville Salt Flats and attempt to set a new land speed record. Ever since I learned about Craig Breedlove setting amazingly high-speed records at Bonneville in the early '60s, I dreamt of doing the same. After watching "World's Fastest Indian" in the theatre, I was even more enthused. Without hesitation, I jumped on Gus's offer to ride his bike.

Speed Week at Bonneville in 2015 was literally a washout with rains making the race areas too sloppy to be used. I put away all the special items I bought for Bonneville and waited for better weather. The next year was dry and bright, and Gus's generous offer was still good. When Speed Week arrived, I loaded my gear in the Dakota and headed north to get Gus, the XLCR, and the trailer we used to haul it.

Traveling through the West roughly following the path taken by the ill-fated Donner Party was a joy. The truck and trailer were much faster, more reliable, and more comfortable than the ox and horse drawn wagons of yesteryear, but the scenery was pretty much the same. Sometimes the journey is the destination.

This time, however, the Salt Flats was a destination beyond my expectations. Riding Gus's fine old Harley was an important part of the adventure, but the experience of joining an international assembly of fellow gearheads was fantastic. As a fellow racer, I was automatically accepted in the inner-most areas of mechanics and drivers. Sharing experiences and the smattering of various foreign languages I had retained over the years was 'way past cool.

Riding on the salt was not that much different than riding on the dirt and gravel roads where I learned to ride a motorcycle, except I had never ran 100+ mph on gravel on a bike. I had to be careful accelerating and letting off the gas because the sand offers little traction. The sand also gives high rolling resistance that robs the bike of performance. Even so, the idea of riding for miles wide open with no obstructions, no crossroads, no deer waiting to jump out, and no traffic was the essence of what beats in every hotrodder's heart.

Well, I did not come close to reaching, much less breaking, the speed record for the class in which I was running. Even so, the total experience of traveling through the West, of being admitted to the inner circle of international contestants, and riding on the challenging salt surface was a biker's dream come true. It is a dream that



will stay with me forever.

- by George Tinkham, the Thomas Jefferson of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois

**SHOULD THE MULE BE THE OFFICIAL MASCOT FOR ABATE/MOTORCYCLISTS?**

A mule is an independent animal. A few years ago in Wayne County, Illinois, Pure Oil Company leased a pair of matched mules to help retrieve oil field equipment in flooded areas. Not much time is needed to discover the great qualities of the mule. Sorry, horse lovers; there is no comparison. Some say the mule is stubborn; I say he is principled. Some say a mule does what he believes is right, correct and proper; regardless of what anyone thinks. A mule takes the proper path, chooses the best footing and is reliable. Sound like a good motorcyclists? Mules don't like people that take the wrong path.

And mules talk. They have a word for "right". It is "gee". When you hear a mule go "gee - haw", the first word is "gee", not "hee" (some have been getting that wrong for years). So it is "gee haw", not "hee haw". Many people, and horse loving people in particular, have been mishearing mules for years. Teamsters, when handling mule teams adopted the mule words - "GEE" FOR RIGHT AND "HAW" FOR LEFT. Both terms are defined in Webster's Dictionary. Look them up - notice the "origin unknown" part. That dictionary claims that the origin of "gee and haw" is "unknown". Mules know better. As far as I can tell, these mule words are the only

animal words in the ENGLISH language that are defined in Webster's. I have requested that Webster's change the origin of the words "gee and "haw" from "unknown" to "early mule speak". I have not received a response - yet.

If you want to test my mule theory, next time you visit a mule, just whisper "gee" in his "right" ear. I predict you will have an immediate MULE friend. His ears will perk up; he will look at you like you just bonded. If I ever start a motorcycle club, I am thinking about naming it the IRON MULEMEN. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Ride Safe.

Rod Taylor

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# 2024 Bike Raffle Locations

**Visit any of these locations to see the bike and purchase your chance to win**

Date	City	Location	Event
February 10th, 2024	Mattoon	Moose Lodge	Liberty Anniversary Party
February 11, 2024	Princeton	Fairgrounds	Swap Meet
February 17, 2024	Bloomington	Grossinger Arena	Ice Racing
February 25, 2024	Dixon	Elks Club	Swap Meet
April 13, 2024	Martinsville	Moonshine Store	Lunch Run
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 <sup>th</sup> 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
August 23-24, 2024	Tonica	Downtown	Jeep Jam & Car Show
Aug 29–Sept 1, 2024	Springfield	State Fairgrounds	Springfield Mile – Drawing

**Available Dates to have the Bike and ATV at your events.**

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**January 26-28, 2024**  
**February 2-4, 2024**  
**March 1-3, 2024**  
**March 8-10, 2024**  
**March 15-17, 2024**  
**March 23-24, 2024**  
**March 29-31, 2024**

**April 5-7, 2024**  
**April 19-21, 2024**  
**May 10-12, 2024**  
**June 28-30, 2024**  
**July 5-7, 2024**  
**August 16-18, 2024**





## NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport  
Chapter

Welcome to winter, but look on the bright side, Spring is only 6 weeks away and the Chapter has a lot of events planned for 2024.

First, I would like to thank all the outgoing officers for their service, and welcome the new ones into office. We only had a couple changes. Beth Buiser is our new Vice-President, and Cleaver and Dan Williams are our new co-PR reps.

The Chapter has a lot of events coming up with the NW Region Chili Shootout on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the VFW in Dixon. Cost is \$5. Bring your best pot of chili. There will be a bake sale and silent auction so bring your money with you, too. February 10 is our infamous Margarita Run. We will be going to Fiesta en Cancun in Freeport. If you plan on going, give Becky a call so she can give the restaurant a heads up on how many people will be there. February 24<sup>th</sup> is a Burger Run to Big O's in Freeport. February 25<sup>th</sup> is Twin Rivers swapmeet. This is always a fun swapmeet to attend. It is at the Dixon Elks Club. Doors open at 9am.

We also have a mileage contest with a \$100 gas card going to the winner and a \$50 gas card for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. There is no cost for this, just give our membership coordinator, Doug Van Horn, a call with your mileage before you start riding and bring your ending mileage to the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to see who won. Last year's winner was Dan Paulsen with 15,617 miles. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Diane Paulsen with 12,594 miles. 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Roger Larson with 10,004 miles.

Our Mann-iac run goes all summer. There are 24 stops throughout NW Illinois, SW Wisconsin, and Eastern Iowa. and all summer to do them. The books will be available by the March meeting from Roger. It's \$15 for a whole summer of fun. Cards

will be drawn at the October 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting.

March brings the Chapters 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 38 years is quite a long time. We have been through a lot of fighting anti motorcycle legislation and we are still at it. This years party will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Van Horn farm on Babbs Grove Rd. Bring a dish to pass, and whatever you want to drink. There is no cost for the party. This is also when we give out Chapter awards for perfect attendance and Member of the Year. There will be nomination forms at the January and February meetings Just fill one out for someone you feel has gone above and beyond for the good of the Chapter with a few words why you think they should win. The Winner will be decided by last year's winner, Roger Larson.

Our Spring Raffle tickets will be drawn at our March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Freeport Eagle's Club. You should have received them in your Jan/Feb issue of your Soft-Tale. Just put \$5 in the envelope along with the ticket stubs and drop them in a postal box. If you want more tickets, or would like to sell some give Lin Feller, our membership coordinator, a call and he will see to it you get more tickets.

March also brings the Illinois primary. This is your chance to make your voice heard. It's Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure you are registered to vote, and do so.

Cleaver is in charge of the bike raffle tickets again this year. He has dates set up and they are listed in the Soft-Tale. He can always use some help selling. Just show up where he is set up and give him a hand. If you want to sell some tickets give him a call and he will get you some.

Try to stay warm and we may see you at a meeting sometime.

Be Safe, Becky



## OPEN ROADS ABATE

The New Year is upon us and here's hoping that we all can ride more in 2024. As we all start another new year, let's keep in mind what we stand for in ABATE - know your rights, educate yourselves so you can educate others, sign up those new members just waiting to be asked.

**Why Join ABATE?** Obvious reasons are group riding, making friends, socializing, wind therapy. But what about our rights as motorcyclists and off roads? Have you been profiled for just wearing your vest? Do you find it difficult at some gas stations to select the right grade to put into your bike? Will more off road parks be created for your enjoyment? How about your freedom to wear or not to wear a helmet in our state? How about when you encounter a driverless vehicle that will not recognize that your bike is near them? And the list goes on. ABATE is a motorcycle rights organization and we need new members and retain our existing members to keep motorcycles rights and awareness now and for the future.

### 2024 Open Roads Officers -

President – Cliff Oleson, Vice-President – Brian Smith, Secretary – Patti Smith, Treasurer – Sally Kolb, Membership – Bill Kolb, Legislative – Sam Mataya, Products – Sharyl Mataya, Safety & Ed – Open Position, Activities – Kevin Smith, Road Captain – Diana Rebechini, Court Jester – Tracey Supan, BOD Rep - Patti Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms – Sam Mataya, and Public Relations – Linda Oleson. Many thanks to the officers who served this past year with their time, support, and enthusiasm for this awesome organization.

**Chapter Calendar** – new project for our chapter (thanks for the idea Kishwaukee Valley ABATE). Our 2024 Open Roads ABATE Calendars are available for only \$10 each. Calendars have most holidays, chapter events, state and national events, pics of events, members, and logos. Great gifts and get yours now before they are gone. Call Linda on 630-552-3828 or Facebook to get a calendar.

**Feed My Starving Children, Saturday, January 6** – Eight members began the New Year by packing food and together with other organizations packed enough for 92 children to have daily meals for one year. Hope for others begins with a reliable source of nutritious food.

**Chapter Christmas Party & Meeting - January 13** – meeting began at 5 pm followed by the **Chapter Christmas Party**. The chapter provided the meat (ham and turkey cooked by Bill/Sally Kolb & Kevin/Patti Smith) and table service. Members brought side dishes of salads, appetizers, and desserts and participated with a gift exchange and were pleased with the gifts they received. Food, gifts, friends = a fun evening. Special guests were NW Region Coordinator Bob Carroll and his wife. Even though the temps were 10 degrees, we had 32 members attend with 3 new members signing up.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Summer Book 2024** – is in the works and will be assembled in late January. The books will be ready for the NW Region Chili Shootout on February 3. Many thanks to those who purchase our book every year – it serves many purposes – places to go, things to do, meet people, visit businesses that normally you wouldn't even know about, and new customers for the businesses. Donations from the 2023 Summer Book will be presented to ABATE of IL, Inc. for Safety and Ed and State PAC at State

Seminar.

**State Seminar, January 19 & 20** – Eight to ten members attended this informative and fun event hosted by ABATE of IL, Inc. Theme was “Back to the Basics of ABATE” – weekend filled with education, entertainment, guest speakers, fund raising, awards banquet, new and old friends, hospitality.

**NW Region 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Shootout, February 3** – in Dixon from 3 to 7 pm. Chili judging is from 4:15 to 4:30 pm. Bring items to donate for the bake sale and auction.

**Next Chapter Meeting** – February 24, 6 pm, Plano American Legion. Food, updates, events, fun. Mark your calendars.

**Open Roads Chili Cookoff & Pool Tournament, March 9** - other chapters are invited to join us as we challenge you for the best chili around. Pool players - mark your calendars now for the pool tournament - prizes, \$\$, socializing, fun, and sharing your expertise. Let's join together and show our communities that ABATE is alive and strong. Location is at Plano Hometown Lanes and registration time is 11:30 for both events.

**Upcoming events** include a joint event with DuKane ABATE regarding fatalities and awareness in the spring, axe throwing, group rides, Legislative Day, 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:

Open Roads ABATE members – Rich & Cheri Kossak, Patti & Kevin Smith, Frank Lorang, Bob & Cherie Mauer, and Linda Oleson – together with other organizations packed 156 boxes of food for children in Nicaragua on January 6 or daily meals for 92 children in one year.



Chapter meeting and Christmas Party was January 13 with over 30 members attending. Bob Carroll and his wife were guests for the evening. Pictured are two new members (Tammy Sebbly and Debbie LeGro) with Open Roads President Cliff Oleson and Membership Coordinator Bill Kolb.



**Starved  
Rock  
Chapter**

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

Starved Rock Chapter would like to welcome new members Greg Masters and Margaret Schroedle from Flanagan.

**What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:**

We had a meeting Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> at O'9ers Pub in Streator. O'9ers is owned by Starved Rock Chapter member Brett Freeman. It was a good place to hold a meeting because the chapter members could congregate away from the other bar patrons. There were 33 members and 2 guests present. The guests signed up as Chapter members at the end of the meeting. Don Jackson won the membership drawing and donated \$30.00 to the chapter. Thanks Don! We need to think of ways to attract new members or re-instate old members! ANY IDEAS ARE WELCOME!

**PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS:** Your life is in danger when riding your motorcycle if a driverless vehicle is near you on the road! Your life is in danger when crossing the street if a driverless vehicle is approaching. There are over 768,000 driverless vehicles in the USA! It's a **FACT** that driverless vehicles **DO NOT RECOGNIZE** motorcyclists, bicyclists, or pedestrians. Driverless vehicles are known to have run into ambulances, police cars, state trucks, and other vehicles that may be assisting motorists. **ABATE** is fighting for your **RIGHTS** and your **LIFE** in Springfield! **ABATE NEEDS YOU AND YOU NEED ABATE!** Please Join the FIGHT!

**Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:**

**NW Region 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Shoot Out Feb 3, 2024** at the VFW in Dixon from 3-7 pm. Last chili in at 4pm. Chili judging will be from 4:15-4:30. Silent auction and bake sale. Please bring items

to donate!

**Meeting Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Mendota Moose. We can get there at noon to set up for the potluck. Please bring food to share.** The meeting will begin at 12:30pm. The Moose will have drinks available for purchase. We will have the gun raffle drawing after the meeting.

**Meeting Sunday March 3, 2024 at Softails in Ladd.** The meeting will begin at 12:30. Softails is owned by Starved Rock Chapter member and supporter, Noreen Griffin. Noreen will have chicken, salad, and fries for \$10.00 per person. She also plans to begin a Queen of Hearts Drawing with the proceeds going to Starved Rock Chapter! We will need to help on the nights she designates. More information to come.

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

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

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Minds September 28<sup>th</sup>&29<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis.**

For Starved Rock Chapter clothing and other items: Check out this site. <http://Allpointsprinting.companysite> Scroll down and you will see the Starved Rock ABATE logo. Click on the logo and check out what you can order directly! You may also place orders with products officer Tom Brown as well.

You may follow Starved Rock ABATE on Facebook!

Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Officer

**SOUTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS**



**Piasa  
Gateway  
Chapter**

Piasa held their regular meeting January 13 at the Wood River Eagles BRRRRR it was cold, but we had enough members to have a Quorum, we also had snacks leftover from our December Christmas Party to enjoy. The regular officer reports were read and approved, then the other reports were read one thing of note will have two tables at Hartbauer/McMbride Bikers Helping Bikers Triva night January 27 at the Alton VFW lets fill those tables up the more money raised the more money Bikers Helping Bikers has to give our fellow bikers a hand up. The Down Riders Fund is still little, short so ideas are needed for a fund raiser, plan on coming to the next meeting with your ideas. It is time to start on the Shake Your Bones Run so stops are needed and a couple of more volunteers are needed to get stops contact Dona Ely if you want to help get stops. Our new chapter Present Tom Henry will be going to the Abate Seminar this month one of his jobs is to have the honor of presenting the chapters donations to ABATE, and I'm sure he will learn a lot there.

One more thing we changed a policy at the meeting it was the recruitment award since you can now go online to re-new are apply for a membership, we can no longer keep track of who signs up the most members each year in the chapter therefore we vote to take it out of policies and procedures. I want to add one more thing read you state news- letter even if it is online our legislative coordinator has a lot of great information for you there, you can also find out what other chapters are doing.

**Our next meeting is February 10 at the Cottage Hills VFW at 7pm see you there.**

**Aloha Skinny**





# NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



**Northern Illinois Chapter**

In lieu of a December meeting we held our Christmas and New Year's party on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Great food and desserts were prepared by Jeanne Doyle and other members of the chapter. Sandy and Scott unveiled the quilt to be auctioned off at the State Seminar. It measured 100" x 72", large enough for a king size bed or a wall hanging.

A big round of applause was given to Sandy Nielsen for making the quilt. Next, Chapter President Rich Gruner was presented a

quilt thanking him for his leadership of the chapter. The party concluded with a mystery game and 'white elephant' gift exchange.

Our next meeting:  
Saturday January 27, 11 AM at Doyle's Pub, Richmond, IL

Our annual Chili Cook-off:  
Saturday February 24, 6-10 PM, Wauconda American Legion  
Live Music by Detour



**Will County Chapter**

Thanks to everyone that attended our January membership meeting! We had a great turnout, and we are so excited to see some new faces. A few of our Will County Chapter board members attend the 2024 ABATE State Seminar and we had a great weekend learning about how we can support our chapter for the coming year! The 2024 Cabin Fever Party will be held on Saturday, February 10th, 2024, from 6-10pm at the Stone City V.F.W Post 2199. We will have a potluck style dinner, entry is free for Will County Chapter A.B.A.T.E. members, \$5 for other chapter members, and \$15 for non-member (OR join for \$25!), and our entertainment will be a local band, Loud N' Loaded. The 2024 Will County A.B.A.T.E Winter Triathlon will be held on Sunday, March 10th at Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon, registration begins at 11am and games begin at 12 noon!

## Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events-

February 10th- Cabin Fever Party

February 14th, March 13th, April 10th @ 7:30pm- monthly meeting, Stone City V.F.W Post 2199.

March 10th- Will County A.B.A.T.E Winter Triathlon

Follow us on Facebook- Will County Chapter, ABATE of Illinois & Will County ABATE Members and Friends for up-to-date information and event details.

-As always, ride safe and we hope to see you at the next meeting!

## WILL COUNTY A.B.A.T.E.

### 2024 WINTER TRIATHLON

JOIN THE GAMES

- Sunday, March 10th**  
 REGISTRATION: 11am  
 GAMES BEGIN: 12pm
- Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon**  
 1117 Plainfield Rd, Joliet IL
- \$20 entry fee per participant**  
 Includes: pool, darts, bags, and pizza  
 \$10 for pizza only

\*prizes awarded based on the number of participants\*








South  
Suburban  
Chapter

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, South Suburban  
Chapter – Article for the February 2024  
edition

Hello Everyone, wishing you a wonderful 2024!

## NEW TERM 2023-2024 – NEW ALIGNMENT OF BOARD OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS

Effective December 1, 2023

President: Daisy Perez  
VP: Frank Labudzik  
Secretary: Patricia “Pat” Carrera  
Treasurer: Joanne Louridas  
BOD Rep. Nick Savas  
(Daisy Perez as backup)  
Legislative: Nick Savas  
S & E: open (all work on activities)  
Activities: open (all work on activities)  
Membership: Deb Scinto  
PR: Nick Savas  
Newsletter: Nick and Daisy  
Products: Deb Scinto  
Sergeant: Frank Labudzik

Most of us are dreaming of and patiently waiting for the riding season. It’ll be here before you know it so in the meantime wishing all fabulous 2024 life celebrations.

We need growth, here are some ways to encourage new South Suburban Chapter membership:

Recurring Members... a meaningful birthday gift is a 1-year new membership to your son, daughter, nephew, niece, friend, lover with encouragement for them to renew the years ahead of them.

New Members...”BOGO” Two for the price of One– purchase the first year and the chapter will renew your second year free.

New members...attend your first meeting and we will treat you to a complimentary beverage of your choice.

Meeting attendance...Be present at a general meeting on your birthday month to be eligible to win a prize.

Your South Suburban Chapter is looking forward to a more substantial 2024. We are counting on the next generation of riders to join their dads, moms, other family members, and friends to

the motorcycle community and members of our chapter. Members and Freedom Fighters know how important it is to be represented to our legislators. We need to increase our presence and have our voices heard for the many legislative issues affecting our rights.

Our members are energetic and proud of being a biker. Many of our younger generation look up to chapter members as they become bikers too. Our goal: increasing membership, camaraderie in supporting other chapter’s events, to be seen in numbers – as a group to ride together, to be known as safety minded bikers. Overall, we want the public to know we are out there, see us, respect us, and realize we are an integral component of the traffic movement on the road.

Our very own SS ABATE Chapter member is pictured below – Terry Cornell – getting recognition for his other interests and accomplishments.

Terry Cornell was instrumental in securing the stops for our inaugural 2022 Topless Tour event which was an inspiration to our hosting the Tour again in 2023. Way to go Terry!!



SEMINAR and BANQUET, January 19-20, 2024

“Back to the Basics of ABATE” provided a weekend filled with education, entertainment, guest speakers, fund raising, hospitality, and an awards banquet. Come to a meeting get the details on topics discussed at the Seminar. There are pertinent issues concerning the motorcycle community as well as tips, lessons on board roles, and legislative issues are all in support and/or protect your riding privileges.

Although the months of January and February are Board meetings, members are always welcome to attend.

**BOARD MEMBERS - Thursday, February 15, at 7:00p.m. SHARP**

South Suburban A.B.A.T.E.  
American Legion Post #1160  
10739 S Ridgeland Avenue  
Chicago Ridge, IL  
60415







Hello from DuKane ABATE!

The cold weather is here, but we're not letting that stop us from reaching out to our communities about motorcycle safety and awareness. Safety & Education Officer Steve Waltz and Membership Officer Mark Garrison are already lining up schools to visit to speak to students. We're looking to continue leading the way this year when it comes to speaking to students after they spoke to over 5,000 students in 2023. Their efforts do not go unnoticed, and we appreciate the hard work they do. It's critical to get in front of younger inexperienced drivers to make sure they're keeping their eyes on the road and watching out for motorcyclists. We're also looking for new ways to get involved with more community events to spread the word about the work that DuKane ABATE does to preserve the legacy of motorcycling in DuPage and Kane Counties. We've been approached about being a part of the Corn Boil in Sugar Grove, IL and are currently looking at that as a great opportunity to spread the word.

It's time to get March 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendar as we'll be hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ABC – ABATE Bowling Classic at Bowlero in Glendale Heights, IL! For only \$20, you get 2 games of bowling, including shoes. For an extra \$10, you enter a 9-pin no-top tournament with a \$100 prize. We're proud to once again have this event sponsored by Law Tigers, The Toy Shop & Motolounge, and the Sycamore Speedway. The DuKane ABATE Santa Girls will also be in attendance with a 50/50 raffle. This is always a great day of motorcyclist camaraderie put together by Events Officer Chris Newman, so we look forward to seeing you all there! Make sure you also have October 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar as it's the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run! Join us in giving back to our communities in DuPage and Kane Counties by collecting toys and food for children in need! Remember, it's all about the kids!

If you've been reading your newsletters, you've been following along with the case against Ricardo Rivera, the man who killed John "JJ" Jones on his motorcycle. Ricardo Rivera was driving with no license and no insurance and was in the country illegally. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, Safety & Education Officer Steve Waltz, Events Officer Chris Newman, Dale Smith, and President Chris Hansen, along with John's family, attended the court date for Rivera where he was being charged with traffic violations and the Kane County State's Attorney was asking for the maximum sentence of jail time. Unfortunately, Rivera did not show up to court, but in good news Judge William Engerman, noting that this involved a fatality, skipped over written notices and a summons, and immediately issued a warrant for Rivera's arrest. We have since learned that Rivera has open cases in DuPage County for traffic violations that he has not shown up to court for either. He continues to put the community at risk. We will keep you all posted as this continues.

DuKane ABATE had a great time at the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar. Events Officer Chris Newman, Independent Rep #1 John Bloch, Membership Officer Mark Garrison, Public Relations Officer Nathan Klapatch, and President Chris Hansen were all in attendance. This week was filled with fun, and we got a lot of new ideas to bring back to the DuKane Chapter to help with the work we do for motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties.

Make sure to join us on February 20<sup>th</sup> for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. 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

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## EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty  
Chapter

February is here and that means it's time to celebrate 37 years of Liberty!

Yes it was in 1987 that a disparate group of bikers joined together to fight for their rights and the result was Liberty Chapter! For the past 37 years ABATE has been here, fighting the good fight, keeping our ears and eyes open to fend off any attacks. And there have been many, and just to illustrate, there have been 53 helmet bills introduced in Springfield since our inception, all defeated by ABATE! The list of legislative victories is long and varied, everything from defeating sound bills, legalizing LED lighting, lowering trailer license fees, ensuring the consumer chooses who works on their ride, and on and on.

But, to continue the good work Liberty chapter does throughout the year, we need YOU! Our Anniversary party is the main fundraiser for the year and helps funds everything we

do. So please come out and have some fun and support Liberty at the same time. Here are some of the happenings- We have a very nice 65 inch Philips smart TV to raffle off, only 300 tickets are available. We will be having a live and silent auction, and food will be served 5pm to 7 pm. And a participant drawing and the wagon of fun to raffle off.

We have need of volunteers to help out. Even if you lend a hand for an hour, it will help. Other areas we need help with is donations for the auctions. If you have a business that can help us out, or have a new item to donate, it will be greatly appreciated.

What? Liberty chapter, ABATE of IL inc. 37th Anniversary party

When? February 10, 2024, 5 to midnight

Where? Mattoon Moose lodge, 1212 Broadway Ave, Mattoon

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois inc.  
Feb 10th, 2024

# Liberty Chapter



Mattoon  
Moose  
5:00pm  
to 12:00

Live Auction 7-8  
Silent Auction 5-7  
Raffles  
Live Band 8-12  
Food 5-7

\$5  
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Join at door, get in free



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And Chili Enthusiasts

## EAST MEETS WEST

Saturday, March 2, 2024



Northwest Region

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Pub 52

702 Smith St.  
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### Chili Cook Off

Mild, Medium & HOT

\$5 Entry Fee

Signup

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Judging @ 2:00 pm

(Please specify type of meat)



### Bags Tournament

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Signup @ 12:00 pm



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PrairieLand ABATE, President, Jeremy Dubson (217) 521-9547

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## SOUTH EAST CHAPTER REPORTS



Southern Illinois Chapter 27

Hello all, we are back! We have almost all new officers and everyone is fired up about renewing our commitment to our Abate members and bringing back the brotherhood and camaraderie we once had! We are in the works of planning several events and rides. Chapter 27 is going to be great again. We already have new members

including Bob Herr, Ken & Amy Lomax and several renewals. Next meeting is February 3rd @4pm at DeeBees in Mt Vernon IL.

Ride safe brothers and sisters,  
Carrie Dehn, Secretary





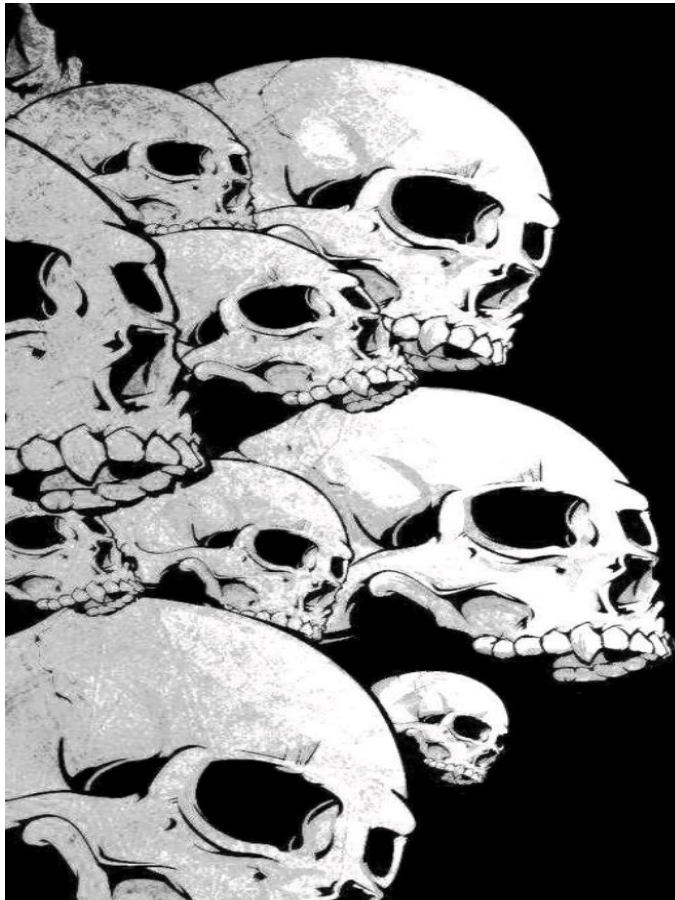
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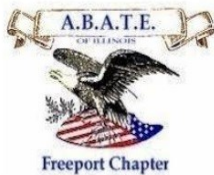
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## FOR THE PRESERVATION OF MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS

Greetings Friend,

ABATE is a Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education that ensures the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists and off-road riders across the state of Illinois. ABATE works with local and state legislators to ensure that these freedoms are never lost. ABATE also works with educators of all levels across the state to ensure motorcycle education and safety is taught to all ages. ABATE chapters and their members strive to have motorcyclist's rights included in all aspects of transportation in the future.

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Thank you for your consideration and helping ABATE of Illinois continue to fight for our rights as motorcyclists and off-road riders in Illinois.

Sincerely,  
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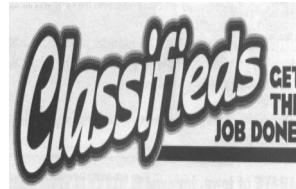


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**For Sale: 2004 Fat Boy Red Low Mileage, 28032, Excellent Condition, Free title, all original, runs great Extra stuff. Windshield, soft bags, pouches. \$6500 OBO 618-980-5622**

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### WEST CENTRAL REGION

### NORTHWEST REGION

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### NORTHEAST REGION

Johnny D's Tee 216 Lake Ave Lake Villa IL 60064  
 (847) 265-7550 \*\*RENEWAL DUE (12/23)\*\*

Doyle's Pub 5604 Mill Street, Richmond IL 60071  
 Website: Doylespub.net \*\*RENEWAL DUE (9/24)\*\*

Knuckleheads Tavern Address: 108 E. North St  
 Elburn, IL 60119 630-365-9164 Dan & Shelly Brizek  
 Email: [kheads05@yahoo.com](mailto:kheads05@yahoo.com) \*\*RENEWAL DUE (8/23)\*\*

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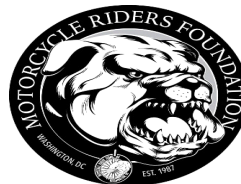
Your ultimate goal is to help grow the membership of the MRF. This can be achieved by setting up and working membership tables at various events, both locally and state-wide. You don't need to be a salesperson; you just need to be genuine in your delivery so you can motivate a person to become a member. Simply sharing your love for motorcycles and having some basic knowledge of how the MRF supports the motorcycling community will help to close the "sale". There are lots of tools and handouts available to help with this. I am happy to give anyone guidance on how to successfully work a membership table. I can honestly say I feel like an expert in this area and have photos to prove it. AND it's not that hard to do!

As an Assistant State Rep, you will have the opportunity to share in the fun! Events like the STEAM conference and Meeting of the Minds are amazing events to learn more about becoming successful as an Asst. State Rep. And there's even the possibility of winning awards! I know none of us volunteer because we want an award, but a little recognition never hurts, right? As of this writing, ABATE of IL is in the top 5 of all states in the country for the best recruiting state! It's no surprise that the Midwest is kicking butt! To do this, we need every member of ABATE of IL to join the MRF [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org). Chapter memberships count too.

Members of ABATE of IL are the best freedom fighters that I know so go ahead, pick up the phone and give me a call. I would be excited to talk to you and to add YOU to the MRF IL Team!

As always, stay vigilant, my friends!

Dennis Yeager "Clever" MRF Illinois State Representative, [cleaver1957@gmail.com](mailto:cleaver1957@gmail.com) - 815-238-6262  
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 Dellann Stutsman, MRF Illinois Club Assistant State Rep, [lacedog@yahoo.com](mailto:lacedog@yahoo.com) - 217-473-2295  
 \_\_\_\_\_, MRF Illinois Assistant State Rep, \_\_\_\_\_. Will your name fill in the blanks?



Needed: A List of Supportive Aftermarket Shops in Your State

*Hello, everyone.*

*As you know, MRF and the motorcycle aftermarket have teamed up to address issues of importance to both riders and aftermarket business owners. As part of that effort, supportive independent shops are being encouraged to join the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket (IMA) group. These shops can do so at:*

<https://mrf.org/join-mrf-imac>

*In the meantime, MRF is compiling a list of supportive shops to share with our IMA counterparts.*

*Please send me a list of the independent shops in your state that you feel are supportive of motorcyclists' rights. Please also include contact information for those shops.*

*Thanks, and here's looking forward to a great year in 2024!*

**Mark**

*Please forward all the information to me and I'll get to the right person in the MRF. Thanks for your help on this.*



**[Motorcycle Rights Advocates](#) on Facebook to help get the word out about all our SMRO. State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations, and the MRF Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Look it up.**

**Contact your Motorcycle Rights Organization [www.nationalcoir.org/mro-contact-list-1](http://www.nationalcoir.org/mro-contact-list-1) this will list most of the Motorcycle Rights Organizations across the country.**

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 1/2020  
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 14459 W. West Grove Rd.  
 Forrester, IL. 61030  
 815-238-6262 [Cleaver1957@gmail.com](mailto:Cleaver1957@gmail.com)

**MRF Mission Statement**

Our mission is to continue developing an aggressive, independent national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle which is financially stable and exceeds the needs of motorcycling enthusiasts.



Date	Chapter Meetings 2024
2/01	Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County
2/02	
2/03	
2/04	Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz
2/05	
2/06	Freedom Riders
2/07	Richland County
2/08	Heart of Illinois, St. Clair
2/09	
2/10	Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>
2/11	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Liberty, Windy City, Ten Mile Creek, Kishwaukee Valley
2/12	
2/13	Midstate
2/14	
2/15	South Suburban
2/16	
2/17	Black Diamond
2/18	Freeport, Prairieland
2/19	Tri County
2/20	DuKane, Lincoln Land
2/21	Chicago
2/22	
2/23	So Illinois 27
2/24	
2/25	
2/26	
2/27	Northern Illinois
2/28	
2/29	
	Will County

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Thank You for your donations to the FEDPAC Projects: Twin Rivers Chapter \$500 and Freeport Chapter \$500

Thank you Tri-County Chapter for your donations: FEDPAC Projects \$200, Safety & Education \$500.00 and General Fund \$300.00

Thank You St Clair County Chapter for your donations: General Fund \$500, Safety & Ed \$500, PR Projects \$500, Activities \$500.

Thank You Starved Rock Chapter for your \$1000 donation to FEDPAC Projects.

Thank You Freedom Valley Chapter for your \$500 donation to FEDPAC Projects.

Thank You to dissolved chapter, Old River, for the donations from your final funds: Safety & Education \$1500, AF EC Region \$1500 and FEDPAC Projects \$1000.

Thank You to dissolved chapter Heartland for donating their final funds of \$2700.70 to the General Fund.

PR Projects: Piasa-Gateway \$250, Starved Rock \$500, Open Roads \$500 and Shoal Creek \$500.

Memorial Fund: Ten Mile Creek \$500, Freedom Valley \$150, Prairieland \$200, Peo-Taz \$250, Lamoine Valley \$300, Starved Rock \$500 and Shoal Creek \$500.

Safety & Education: Piasa-Gateway \$250, Freedom Valley \$250, Starved Rock \$500, Mid-State \$500 and Open Roads \$1000.

General Fund: Prairieland \$200, Starved Rock \$500, Ten Mile Creek \$500, Shoal Creek \$500, Freedom Valley \$500, Freebird \$900, Mid-State \$500, Peo-Taz \$1000, Central Illinois \$1500 and Piasa-Gateway \$2000.

Legislative: Mid-State \$500, Open Roads \$500, Starved Rock \$500 and Kaskaskia Valley \$2500.

Legislative Day: Central Illinois \$500 and Shoal Creek \$500.

DC Trip: Shoal Creek \$500

FEDPAC Projects: Ten Mile Creek \$500.

Meeting of the Minds fund: Ten Mile Creek \$500

MRF: Shoal Creek \$500.

Safety & Ed Projects: Shoal Creek \$500.

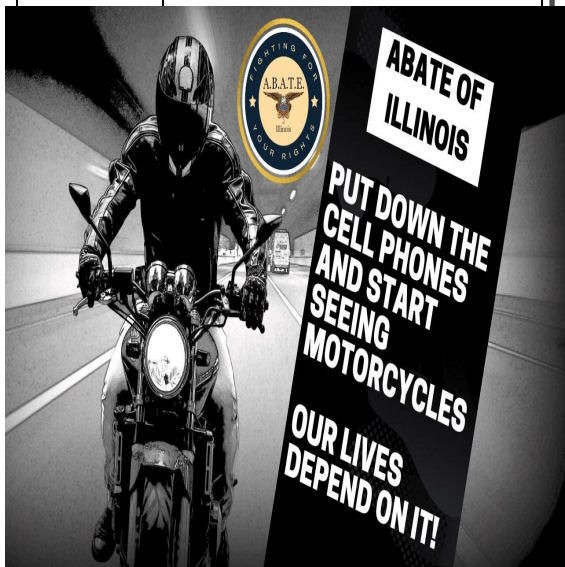
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CHAPTER	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	CONTACT	INCEPTION	RE-GION	UPDATED	PAGE
BACKROADS	410 W CHESTNUT	BALDWIN	IL	62217	618-443-7428	BRAD	03/1990	SW	1/1/2023	
BLACK DIAMOND	525 S BROAD ST	CARLINVILLE	IL	62626	217-710-9338	DANNY	09/1994	SW	1/1/2023	
BLACKHAWK	PO BOX 332	E MOLINE	IL	61244-0332	309-269-2355	MARVIN	07/1987	NW	1/1/2023	
CENTRAL IL	PO BOX 1084	GALESBURG	IL	61402-1084	309-550-4470	BOB	07/1985	WC	1/1/2023	
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	27-28
EASTERN ILLINOIS	PO BOX 6132	CHAMPAIGN	IL	61826-6132	217-898-7414	CHUCK	12/1986	EC	*1/1/2024	
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	22
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	
LAMOINE VALLEY	PO BOX 512	DALLAS CITY	IL	62330-0512	319-759-2459	JOE	06/1988	WC	*1/1/2024	
LIBERTY	PO BOX 1502	MATTOON	IL	61938	217-232-8467	HENRY	02/1987	EC	1/1/2023	29
LINCOLN LAND	PO BOX 5774	SPRINGFIELD	IL	62705-5774	217-891-3057	SANDY	10/1986	WC	1/1/2023	
MID-STATE	PO BOX 531	TAYLORVILLE	IL	62568-0531	217-561-6138	GREG	03/1993	EC	*12/31/2023	
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	PO BOX 496	LAKE VILLA	IL	60046-0496	847-533-8349	RICH	10/1986	NE	*1/1/2024	25
OPEN ROADS	PO BOX 428	SANDWICH	IL	60548-0428	630-552-3828	CLIFF	01/1992	NW	1/1/2023	23
PATHFINDERS	PO BOX 92	MT STERLING	IL	62353-0092	217-257-6818	BILL	02/2008	WC	3/1/2019	
PEO-TAZ	PO BOX 5936	PEORIA	IL	61601-5936	309-989-2225	DAVE	10/1986	WC	1/20/2023	
PIASA-GATEWAY	PO BOX 363	E ALTON	IL	62024-0363	618-973-0057	TOM	10/1986	SW	*1/5/2024	24
PRAIRIELAND	1901 RAILROAD AVE	DECATUR	IL	62526	217-521-9547	JEREMY	04/1987	EC	1/1/2023	
RICHLAND COUNTY	PO BOX 121	OLNEY	IL	62450-0121	618-837-0561	TONY	04/2012	SE	1/1/2023	
SALT CREEK	720 N KANKAKEE	LINCOLN	IL	62656	309-825-7363	GERALD	01/1993	EC	*1/1/2024	
SHAWNEE HILLS	339 BASSETT RD	ELIZABETHTOWN	IL	62931	573-587-2375	STEVE	04/1993	SE	2/1/2022	
SHOAL CREEK	PO BOX 254	IRVING	IL	62051-0254	618-292-5505	CHRISTY	04/1987	SW	1/1/2022	
SOUTH SUBURBAN	PO BOX 281	CHICAGO RIDGE	IL	60415-0281	708-516-6591	DAISY	10/1986	NE	*1/1/2024	26
SOUTHERN IL CHAPTER 27	12845 N LIVEN-GOOD	MT VERNON	IL	62864	618-237-0124	TERRY	11/1987	SE	*1/1/2024	30
ST CLAIR COUNTY	PO BOX 235	FREEBURG	IL	62243-0235	618-791-5033	MIKE	05/1991	SW	1/15/2023	
STARVED ROCK	2386 500 N RD	TOLUCA	IL	61369	815-488-1538	DON	10/1997	NW	*1/1/2024	24
STATE LINE RIDERS	114 N WALNUT	MILFORD	IL	60953	815-867-0797	TIM	12/2002	EC	2/4/2022	
TEN MILE CREEK	1325 W OAK PARK DR	DECATUR	IL	62526	217-620-1707	SCOTT (SCOOTER)	04/2017	EC	1/1/2023	
THUNDER ROCK	402 HILL ST	MT MORRIS	IL	61054	815-997-4682	TERRY	02/2000	NW	*12/31/2023	
TRI-COUNTY	PO BOX 1513	JACKSONVILLE	IL	62651-1513	217-320-7330	JEFF	08/2004	WC	1/20/2023	
TWIN RIVERS	813 LAKEWOOD GREEN DR	DIXON	IL	61021	815-440-6018	JOHN	04/1987	NW	1/22/2023	
UNION JACK	163 KATHLEEN RD	DuQUOIN	IL	62832	618-528-5513	BRUCE	11/1994	SE	11/10/2017	
WILL COUNTY	PO BOX 2488	JOLIET	IL	60434	815-210-3134	DAVID (PINK)	04/2003	NE	1/1/2022	25
WINDY CITY	8720 S ESSEX	CHICAGO	IL	60617	773-877-5751	MARSHA	04/2011	NE	8/1/2020	

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All Board Meetings will be held at the  
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DATE	EVENT
February 17	E-Board and BOD meeting
March 16	E-Board meeting
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

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**2024 Primary Voter’s Guide.** Election date is March 19, 2024. We are listing by party. Democrat Senate races, Representative races. Followed by Republican Senate races, Representative races.

*Candidate grades;* All candidates who currently hold office will have (i) by their name, indicating they are the incumbent for this seat. Candidates are graded on a scale A+ to F-. Upper case grades are awarded to General Assembly members based on how they performed with ABATE of ILLINOIS issues.

*Survey based grades* will appear in lower case letters, are based from survey answers only. Those graded in perfect agreement with ABATE of ILLINOIS Legislative issues, will receive the grade of “c+.” Higher grades are held for Candidates whose actions put them beyond survey responses. If a candidate is listed as “NR” this means they were “not rated.” Other words, *no survey response and no knowledge or past history with ABATE of Illinois. Endorsed candidates for this Primary election shall be bold and italics.*

**Democrat Party:**

*Senate races;*

1 <sup>st</sup> Senate	
Javier Cervantes (i)	<b>B</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Kimberly Lightford (i)	C
5 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Lakesia Collins (i)	C
7 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Mike Simmons (i)	B-
10 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Robert Martwick (i)	A+
13 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Robert Peters (i)	C
16 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Willie Preston (i)	A
19 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Michael Hastings (i)	A-
20 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Graciela Guzman	NR
Dave Nayak	NR
Natalie Toro (i)	C+
Geary Yonker	NR
22 <sup>nd</sup> Senate	
Cristina Castro (i)	A
25 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Karina Villa (i)	C+

28 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Laura Murphy (i)	<b>B+</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> Senate	
Mary Edly-Allen (i)	C
34 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Steve Stadelman (i)	A-
40 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Patrick Joyce (i)	<b>B-</b>
Earling Kimberly	NR
43 <sup>rd</sup> Senate	
Rachel Ventura (i)	F
46 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Dave Koehler (i)	A+
49 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Meg Loughran-Cappel (i)	B-
52 <sup>nd</sup> Senate	
Paul Faraci (i)	<b>B-</b>

**Democrat Party:**

*Representative Races*

1 <sup>st</sup> Representative	
Aaron Ortiz (i)	<b>B-</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative	
Elizabeth Hernandez (i)	<b>B+</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Representative	
Eva Dina Delgado (i)	<b>B+</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Lilian Jimenez (i)	NR
Kirk Ortiz	NR
5 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Kimberly du Buclet (i)	NR
Andre Smith	NR
6 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Sonya Marie Harper (i)	<b>B-</b>
Joseph Williams	NR
7 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Emanuel “Chris” Welch (i)	A+
8 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
La Shawn Ford (i)	<b>B+</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Yolanda Morris (i)	NR
10 <sup>th</sup> Representative	

Jawaharial Williams (i) 11 <sup>th</sup> Representative	C	Justin Slaughter (i) Tawana Robinson 28 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>B-</b> NR
Ann Williams (i) 12 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>B</b>	Robert Rita (i) Paris Walker Thomas 29 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>A</b> NR
Margaret Croke (i) 13 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>C+</b>	Thaddeus Jones (i) Gloria White 30 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>A</b> NR
Hoan Huynh (i) 14 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>B</b>	William Davis (i) 31 <sup>st</sup> Representative	<b>B+</b>
Kelly Cassidy (i) 15 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>A</b>	Michael Crawford Mary Flowers (i)	NR <b>B</b>
Michael Kelly (i) 16 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>B</b>	Mark Hamberlin 32 <sup>nd</sup> Representative	NR
Faye Abushaban Kevin Olickal (i) 17 <sup>th</sup> Representative	NR <b>B-</b>	Lisa Davis Cyril Nichols 33 <sup>rd</sup> Representative	NR <b>C+</b>
Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (i) 18 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>C+</b>	Marcus Evans Jr. (i) 34 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>A</b>
Robyn Gabel (i) 19 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>B</b>	Nicolas Smith (i) 35 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>C+</b>
Lindsey LaPointe (i) 21 <sup>st</sup> Representative	<b>B+</b>	David Dewar Mary Gill (i) 36 <sup>th</sup> Representative	NR NR
Matthew Synowiecki Abdelnasser Rashid (i) Vidal Vazquez 22 <sup>nd</sup> Representative	NR C NR	Sonia Anne Khalil Rick Ryan 37 <sup>th</sup> Representative	NR NR
Joshua Hernandez Angelica Guerrero-Cueclar (i) John Topps 23 <sup>rd</sup> Representative	NR <b>B-</b> NR	August O,Neill Deuser 38 <sup>th</sup> Representative	NR
Edgar Gonzalez Jr. (i) Joseph Mercado 24 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>B-</b> NR	Debbie Meyers-Martin (i) 39 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>B-</b>
Theresa Mah (i) Lai Ching Ng 25 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>B+</b> NR	Will Guzzardi (i) 40 <sup>th</sup> Representative	<b>C+</b>
Curtis Tarver II (i)	<b>B-</b>	Jaime Andrade Jr. (i) 41 <sup>st</sup> Representative	<b>A+</b>
<b>Democrat Party:</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Janet Rohr Yang (i) 42 <sup>nd</sup> Representative	<b>C-</b>
Kam Buckner (i) 27 <sup>th</sup> Representative	C	Terra Costa Howard (i) 43 <sup>rd</sup> Representative	<b>B</b>
		Anna Moeller (i)	<b>A-</b>



44 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Mary Mahady	NR
Fred Crespo (i)	<i>A-</i>	64 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
45 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Tom Weber (i)	<i>A</i>
Martha “Marti” Deuter	NR	65 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
46 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Linda Robertson	NR
Diane Blair-Sherlock (i)	<i>B-</i>	66 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
47 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Suzanne Ness (i)	<i>B-</i>
Jackie Williamson	NR	67 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
48 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Maurice West II (i)	<i>B-</i>
Maria Vesey	NR	68 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
49 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Dave Vella (i)	<i>B</i>
Maura Hirschauer (i)	<i>C</i>	69 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
50 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Peter Janko	NR
Barbara Hernandez (i)	<i>B-</i>	70 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
51 <sup>st</sup> Representative		Randi Olson	NR
Nabeela Syed (i)	<i>B</i>	72 <sup>nd</sup> Representative	
		Gregg Johnson (i)	<i>C+</i>
<b>Democrat Party:</b>		74 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
52 <sup>nd</sup> Representative		David Simpson	NR
Maria Peterson	<i>C</i>	75 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
53 <sup>rd</sup> Representative		Heidi Henry	NR
Mark Walker (i)	<i>C-</i>	76 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
54 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Cohen Barnes	NR
Mary Beth Canty (i)	<i>C+</i>	Amy “Murri” Briel	NR
55 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Carolyn “Morris” Zasada	NR
Martin Moylan (i)	<i>A</i>	77 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
56 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Norma Hernandez (i)	<i>C+</i>
Michelle Mussman (i)	<i>B</i>	78 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
57 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Camille Lilly (i)	<i>A</i>
Tracy Katz Muhl	<i>C</i>	79 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
58 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Robert Ellington-Snipes	NR
Brian McCaslin	NR	Larry Kerkstra	NR
Bob Morgan	<i>C+</i>	Dylan Mill	NR
59 <sup>th</sup> Representative		William Morgan	NR
Daniel Didech (i)	<i>C+</i>	Genevra Walters	NR
60 <sup>th</sup> Representative			
Rita Mayfield (i)	<i>A</i>	<b>Democrat Party:</b>	
61 <sup>st</sup> Representative		80 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Joyce Mason (i)	<i>C+</i>	Anthony DeLuca (i)	<i>A</i>
62 <sup>nd</sup> Representative		81 <sup>st</sup> Representative	
Laura Dias Javer (i)	NR	Anne Stava-Murray (i)	<i>C+</i>
63 <sup>rd</sup> Representative		82 <sup>nd</sup> Representative	

Suzanne Akhras	NR	4 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
83 <sup>rd</sup> Representative		Robert Sumrell	NR
Arad Boxenbaum	NR	10 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Matt Hanson (i)	C+	Jon Luers	NR
84 <sup>th</sup> Representative		19 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Stephanie Kifowit (i)	A+	Samantha Gasca	NR
85 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Hillary Mattsey	NR
Dagmara Avelar (i)	<b>B</b>	Max Solomon	NR
86 <sup>th</sup> Representative		20 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Lawrence Walsh Jr. (i)	<b>A</b>	Jason Proctor	NR
88 <sup>th</sup> Representative		25 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Chuck Erickson	NR	Heather Brown	NR
91 <sup>st</sup> Representative			
Sharon Chung (i)	<b>C+</b>	<b>Republican Party:</b>	
92 <sup>nd</sup> Representative		34 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
Jehan Gordon-Booth (i)	<b>A</b>	Juan Reyes	NR
95 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Crystal Villareal	NR
Kristen Chiaro	NR	37 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
96 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Li Arellano, Jr.	C+
Sue Scherer (i)	C-	Chris Bishop	C+
97 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Tim Yager	NR
Harry Benton (i)	<b>B-</b>	40 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
98 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Philip Nagel	NR
Natalie Manley (i)	<b>A</b>	43 <sup>rd</sup> Senate	
103 <sup>rd</sup> Representative		Jennifer Monson	NR
Carol Ammons	C-	46 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
104 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Sally Owens	NR
Jarrett Clem	NR	49 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
105 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Katie Deane-Schottman	NR
Morgan Phillips	NR	52 <sup>nd</sup> Senate	
111 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Jeff Brownfield	NR
Nick Raftopoulos	NR	53 <sup>rd</sup> Senate	
112 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Chris Balkema	<b>C+</b>
Katie Stuart (i)	<b>B+</b>	Jesse Faber	NR
113 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Mike Kirkton	NR
Jay Hoffman (i)	<b>A+</b>	Susan Wynn Bence	NR
Jamil McKinney	NR	55 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
114 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Jason Plummer (i)	<b>A+</b>
LaToya Greenwood	C+	58 <sup>th</sup> Senate	
		Terri Bryant (i)	<b>A+</b>
<b>Republican Party:</b>		Kash Wesley	NR

*Senate races;*



**Representative races;**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative	
Laura Hruska	NR
5 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Al Rasho	NR
6 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Sean Dwyer	NR
15 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Mark Albers	NR
17 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Jim Geldermann	NR
18 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Charles Hutchinson	NR
20 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Brad Stephens (i)	<b>B-</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Representative	
Lupe Castillo	NR
24 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Natalian Bolton	NR
26 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Audrey Barrett	NR
30 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Patricia Bonk	NR
34 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Fredrick Walls	NR
35 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Herbert Hebein	NR
36 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Christine Shanahan McGovern	NR

**Republican Party:**

37 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
August O,Neill Deuser	NR
Tim Ozinga (i)	D
38 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Jensen Venskus	NR
39 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Anthony Curran	NR
40 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Patrycja Karlin	NR
43 <sup>rd</sup> Representative	
Donald Puckett	NR

45 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Dennis Reboletti	<b>A</b>
46 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Robert “Rusty” Stevens	NR
47 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Amy Grant (i)	<b>B+</b>
48 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Jennifer Sanalistro (i)	<b>B+</b>
49 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Hannah Billingsley	NR
Aris Garcia	C
51 <sup>st</sup> Representative	
Tosi Ufodike	NR
52 <sup>nd</sup> Representative	
Martin McLaughlin (i)	<b>B</b>
54 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Michelle Hunter	NR
58 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Carl Lambrecht	NR
59 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Chris Henning	NR
61 <sup>st</sup> Representative	
James Mitchell Jr.	NR
63 <sup>rd</sup> Representative	
Steven Reick (i)	<b>B+</b>
64 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Tom Weber (i)	<b>A</b>
65 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Dan Ugaste (i)	<b>A</b>
66 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Laurie Parman	NR
67 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Glen Oland	NR
69 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Joe Sosnowski (i)	<b>A</b>
70 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Jeff Keicher (i)	<b>B+</b>
71 <sup>st</sup> Representative	
Dan Swanson (i)	<b>A+</b>

72 <sup>nd</sup> Representative		Desi Anderson	NR
Charlie Helmick	NR	93 <sup>rd</sup> Representative	
73 <sup>rd</sup> Representative		Travis Weaver (i)	<b>B-</b>
Ryan Spain (i)	<b>A+</b>	94 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
74 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Norine Hammond (i)	<b>A+</b>
Bradley Fritts (i)	<b>B+</b>	95 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
75 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Michael Coffey Jr. (i)	<b>C+</b>
Jed Davis (i)	<b>B-</b>	96 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
76 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Lisa Smith	C
Liz Bishop	<b>C+</b>	97 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Crystal Loughran	NR	Gabby Shanahan	NR
		99 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
<b>Republican Party:</b>		Kyle Moore	NR
77 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Eric Snellgrove	NR
Anthony Airdo	NR	100 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
79 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Christopher Davidsmeyer (i)	<b>A+</b>
Jackie Hass (i)	<b>B</b>	101 <sup>st</sup> Representative	
80 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Chris Miller (i)	<b>A</b>
Adam Beaty	NR	102 <sup>nd</sup> Representative	
81 <sup>st</sup> Representative		Adam Niemerg (i)	<b>B+</b>
Aaron Porter	NR	104 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
82 <sup>nd</sup> Representative		Brandun Schweizer	NR
La Ha Nicole	NR	105 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
85 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Donald Rients	NR
Chris Metcalfe	NR	Dennis Tipsword (i)	<b>B-</b>
86 <sup>th</sup> Representative		106 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Jim Lanham	NR	Jason Bunting (i)	<b>B+</b>
87 <sup>th</sup> Representative		107 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
William Hauter (i)	C+	Brad Halbbrook (i)	<b>A</b>
88 <sup>th</sup> Representative		Marsha Webb	D
Regan Deering	C+	108 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Chuck Erickson	NR	Wayne Rosenthal (i)	C+
89 <sup>th</sup> Representative		109 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Tony McCombie (i)	<b>A+</b>	Charles Meier (i)	<b>A</b>
90 <sup>th</sup> Representative			
John Cabello (i)	<b>A</b>		
91 <sup>st</sup> Representative			



**Republican Party:**

110 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Matthew Hall	NR
Blain Wilhour (i)	<b>B</b>
111 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Amy Elik (i)	<b>A</b>
114 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Kevin Schmidt (i)	C+
115 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
David Friess (i)	<b>B-</b>
116 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Angela Evans	N
Dave Severin (i)	<b>A+</b>

117 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Patrick Windhorst (i)	<b>A</b>
118 <sup>th</sup> Representative	
Paul Jacobs (i)	<b>B+</b>

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**2024 FEDPAC Primary Voter Guide**

The Primary Election date is March 19, 2024, and neither Federal Senator is up for reelection this cycle. The candidates for Federal Representative are listed by party, and all incumbent candidates are indicated with an (i) next to their name.

Candidates are graded on a scale A+ to F-. Upper case grades are given to incumbents, or previous incumbents, based on their performance.

Lower case grades are based on candidate responses to our survey questions. A survey graded in perfect agreement with A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois legislative issues will receive a grade of "c". Higher grades can be given to a non-incumbent candidate whose actions put them beyond survey responses.

A non-incumbent candidate listed as "NR" (not rated) did not respond to the survey, and there is no known history with A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois.

Endorsed candidates are shown in bold and italics.

**Note:** When the 2024 Illinois Primary Election is over and certified, all ratings given will be reset, and all endorsements become null and void. Candidates on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot will have the opportunity to once again go through the same grading and endorsement process.

**Democratic Party**

1st District  
Johnathan Jackson (i) C-

2nd District  
***Robin Kelly (i)*** C+

3rd District  
Delia C. Ramirez (i) C

4th District  
Chuy Garcia (i) C  
Raymond "Ray" Lopez NR

5th District  
***Mike Quigley (i)*** B  
Jonathan Antonio Bishop NR  
Jerico Matias Cruz NR

6th District  
Sean Casten (i) F-  
Mahnoor Ahmad NR  
Charles M. Hughes d

7th District  
Danny K. Davis (i) C+  
Nikhil Bhatia NR  
Kina Collins NR  
Melissa Conyears-Ervin NR  
Kouri Marshall NR  
Rhonda Sherrod NR

8th District  
***S. Raja Krishnamoorthi (i)*** C+

9th District  
Janice D. Schakowsky (i) C

10th District  
Bradley Scott Schneider (i) C+

11th District  
G. William "Bill" Foster (i) C-  
Qasim Rashid NR

12th District  
Preston Gabriel Nelson NR  
Brian Roberts NR

13th District  
***Nikki Budzinski (i)*** B

14th District  
Lauren A. Underwood (i) D

17th District  
Eric Sorensen (i) F

**Republican Party**

1st District  
Monetelle Latoya Gaji NR  
Marcus Lewis NR

2nd District  
Ashley Ramos c

3rd District  
John Booras d

5th District  
Tommy Hanson NR

6th District  
Niki Conforti c-

7th District  
Chad Koppie NR

8th District  
Mark Rice c

10th District  
Jim Carris NR

11th District  
Jerry Evans c  
Susan Hathaway-Altman c  
O. Kent Mercado c

12th District  
***Michael "Mike" Bost (i)*** A+  
Darren Bailey A

13th District  
Thomas Clatterbuck NR  
***Joshua Loyd*** c+

14th District  
Krystal Dorey NR  
Charles "Charlie" Kim NR  
James Thomas "Jim" Marter b-

15th District  
Mary Miller (i) B-

16th District  
***Darin LaHood (i)*** A+

17th District  
Scott Alan Crowl NR  
***Joseph "Joe" McGraw*** c

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