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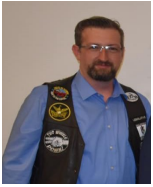
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LEGISLATIVE
By Josh "SKI" Witkowski

LEGISLATIVE DAY IS WEDNESDAY APRIL 17th – Due to the odd schedule of the General Assembly this year, the ABATE Board of Directors indicated they wanted an April date for Legislative Day 2024. Legislative Day will be Wednesday April 17th, and we will be hosting it at Floyd’s Thirst Parlor again in Springfield. Many of you enjoyed this venue last year, so we’re back again. Come on out and

see why so many ABATE members & elected officials had so much fun this year.

What did ABATE do in 2023? Every year, we get asked “What did ABATE do this Year?” Well here are the highlights from Illinois and DC for the year 2023. These successes happen because of members like you and the support you give to ABATE of Illinois. Feel free to share with members and non-members alike to help grow our organization.

Bills ABATE authored that passed & have been signed; **SB896** which legalizes Red LED underglow while braking along with LED insert lighting for turn signals, wrap around signals and disc signals. **HB2582** which removes the duplicate testing requirement for 16 & 17 year old motorcyclists while keeping the mandate that they take the MSF class. Both laws take effect Jan 1, 2024

Bills ABATE supported that have been signed into law; **HB2131** creates a zero traffic fatality taskforce and gives a “motorcycle rights organization” a seat on the taskforce. We are currently working with the Governor’s office on that appointment. **HB2231** treats UBER, Lyft, Door Dash, etc equal to other transportation companies when it comes to lawsuits. Uber drivers have killed motorcyclists while driving for Uber and Uber was not able to be sued, whereas a cab company would’ve been liable. **HB2431** bans videoconferencing while driving.

Only one bill that ABATE opposed was signed into law. The revenue omnibus bill included a provision for 3 years of tax credits on E-15 sales. ABATE was the only group opposed to this bill, and our opposition was strongly noted during floor debate.

Bills that ABATE has defeated (for now); **HB1108** creates a noise monitoring program on Lake Shore Drive (which leads to uneven enforcement against motorcycles). **HB1634 / SB2050** mandate IL follow CA air emissions requirements banning combustion engines by 2035 and harming off road racing. **HB3238** is a body armor ban that bans the ownership of some motorcycle protective gear due to it containing Kevlar.

Off Road issues – ABATE has reached an agreement on language for a bill that would allow OHV to use county & township roads. The agreement moves our position to neutral instead of opposed. ABATE was also informed that \$1 million is available in the OHV trails fund 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. This is a crucial step to being able to actually open the park.

Motorcycle Training Issues – There had been a path to move forward with a possible statewide training partner. Personalities at IDOT and legal issues threaten to end training in the Northern 2/3 of the state. However, **ABATE of Illinois has learned that there are viable partners who want to bid on the Central and Northern Regions, but IDOT is not releasing new notices of funding opportunity which are needed for these partners to bid on.** IDOT has a new safety bureau chief who has met with ABATE, and there has been some progress. In the interim, ABATE will be asking members to be ready to call their representatives & Senators if IDOT does not keep moving forward.

Autonomous vehicles in Illinois. No one in Illinois is interested in moving forward with Autonomous Vehicle regulations currently. **The consensus is vehicle code and liability laws are written in such a way that it’s creating gridlock on how to move forward.** ABATE had planned on working on smaller bills to try and codify that **vehicles must have a driver present** and in control at all times for now while the bigger conversations continue. We were advised that this would be a very steep climb for veto session, so we will be regrouping for spring 2024.

Illinois Legislative Agenda 2024 – ABATE will maintain the same agenda as 2023 for now. It will be printed in the next print Newsletter.

DC Update – In September, I went out to DC prior to MOTM in Pennsylvania. This was the result of conversations between Bob Ellinger and myself. Three primary issues were discussed with our delegation & NHTSA. Here are the results

Right to Repair – All of the Illinois delegation is aware of this issue, and they are interested in seeing a revised bill passed. Apparently, this issue was the primary reason a freshman Congresswoman from Washington was elected, so it has a lot of attention. While ABATE was out in DC, the Autocare folks pushing for this bill held a day of action. We were able to get several good national contacts on the issue and pass them on to the MRF.

Motorcycle Advisory Committee - This committee was supposed to be seated by USDOT almost 2 years ago, but they had not done it yet. In the course of ABATE visits to DC, **Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi's** staff floated the idea of a congressional delegation letter to USDOT. It was supported by **Congressman Darin LaHood, Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski & Congressman Mike Bost** who took it a step further and posed a formal question to USDOT in a committee hearing the very next day after talking with ABATE. The MAC ended up being submitted to the Federal Register the next week. The MRF, ABATE, and AMA had all been working on this issue. Thankfully it ended up very successful. Now motorcyclists will have a direct voice on planning national infrastructure.

Driverless cars / NHTSA – **Congresswoman Robin Kelly's** staff suggested that we review draft legislation from **Congresswoman Debbie Dingel of Michigan** before meeting with NHTSA the next day and that we reach out to her office to schedule a meeting. That legislation proved to be very detailed and had several provisions we could support, so ABATE of Illinois conferred with MRF, then called ABATE of Michigan to see if they were ok with us talking to their Congresswoman. ABATE of Michigan gave their blessing and we attempted to schedule a meeting. During that time ABATE of Illinois met with NHTSA regarding driverless cars. We were introduced to the head of vehicle collision avoidance testing along with several other people in the room and online. It was an interesting meeting where we took notes to compare with MRF later that week as they had met with a different slate of NHTSA folks too. During this meeting, the Dingel proposal was brought up. NHTSA admitted to providing technical assistance in its drafting & suggested **ABATE of Illinois be involved with her office** on this process. After leaving the meeting, **Congresswoman Budzinski** happened to catch me on the street in front of the DOT building. I told her about wanting to set up the meeting with Rep Dingel of Michigan, and she got her staff involved to help make a better connection. **Within 30 minutes of Rep Budzinski's involvement, ABATE of Illinois got the meeting with Rep Dingel's office.** ABATE of Illinois was able to make contact and work with her staff that is drafting the proposal, then brief Rocky & Jay with MRF when we got to Pennsylvania for Meeting of the Minds. **There is now a unified plan in place to work these issues together Federally.**

National Legislative Agenda 2024 – At Meeting of the Minds 2023, the national legislative agenda was changed to **move the monitoring of lane splitting / filtering laws up to medium priority.** There are now over a dozen states with potential legislation dealing with this issue.

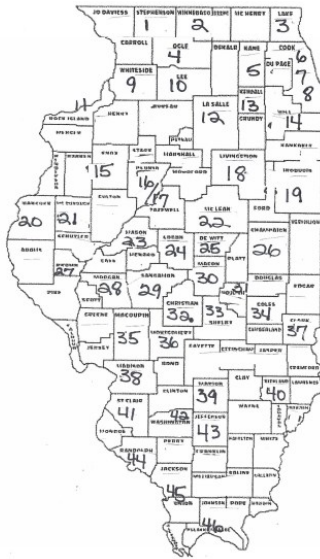
ABATE & MRF – At the August BOD meeting, the question of our partnership and participation with MRF was asked, so here is a brief history of ABATE & MRF partnership. In 2018, ABATE of Illinois invited Tiffani with MRF to be our guest speaker at the Freedom Rally & changed our DC trip to coincide with Bikers in the Beltway. Since 2018, ABATE of Illinois has delivered sponsors on every MRF priority in DC, often leading the way or at least in the top 3 states. We have donated thousands of dollars, hosted events, and participated in every legislative meeting. ABATE of Illinois has brought several things to those meetings that the MRF is now touting nationally such as the California Exemption to the clean air act and how that affects the future of the Internal Combustion Engine. We have brought forth knowledge on EVs, AVs, Future of transport and trends to every MOTM. MRF even made a point of asking ABATE input on EVs during MOTM 2022 in Des Moines. Rocky and Ski text fairly regularly & ABATE has been working with Rocky & Jay Jackson on AV issues. As you can see, **the recent coordination in DC is a continuation of the strong partnership** that ABATE of Illinois has maintained with *those in the MRF who want to see a partnership flourish.*

Harley Davidson is coming to meet with ABATE – At the January conference in Springfield, Harley Davidson will be talking to ABATE members about more ways each organization can help grow new riders and expand the passion of motorcycling to the next generation. I strongly encourage you to be there in Springfield on January 20th at the Northfield Inn.

Moving to the Future – At the October BOD meeting, I asked for Theo Graff to become an Assistant / Co Legislative Coordinator in 2024. In December we were elected to these titles, so I will be working throughout 2024 to give Theo the support he needs to eventually become a successful E-board member in his own right. Theo has been very active as a young board representative and a former chapter president. In his personal life, Theo and his dad have been very active in several different grassroots and lobbying organizations. I feel that he will make a great addition to our team for 2024 and we would appreciate your support in helping Theo adjust to this new role. Additionally, I have asked Hunter John Harris to join us to give perspective from ABATE's original days & he has agreed to come on board to assist in training the next generation of legislative leaders for ABATE.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the party in Springfield January 19-21 – Josh "SKI" Witkowski





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
- Shoal Creek-36
- St. Clair-41

Northeast Region Chapters

- Chicago-6
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- Northern Illinois-3
- South Suburban-8
- Will County-14
- Windy City-7

East Central Region Chapters

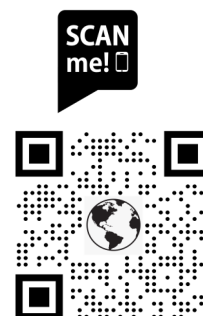
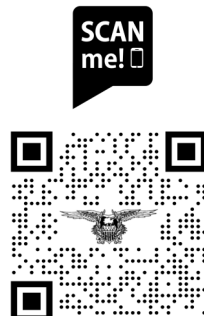
- Eastern Illinois-26
- Embarras Valley-31
- Heart of Illinois-22
- Heartland-18*Closed as of 02/2023*
- Liberty-34
- Mid-State-32
- Old River-33 *Closed as of 12/2023
- Prairieland-30
- Salt Creek-24
- State Line Riders-19
- Ten Mile Creek-25

Southeast Region Chapters

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- Richland County-40
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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

Hi again A.B.A.T.E. can't believe it's the end of the year already.

This coming year is going to be a crazy busy year with elections going on and just a down pour of bills we may have to deal with. Ski will be informing us as they come up, so please watch for any information put out on bills and changes that may spring up.

This year we must focus on working together and being able to react at a moment's notice. From what I have heard, the state capital is going to be a mad house this year. This may sound crazy but just working and/or attending events this coming year is also something we need to do. Any way we can generate funding or encourage fellow riders to get involved and motivated must be looked at.

Working as a team on issues is going to be a must so whether its working events helping with fund raising for a political friend or just the selling of bike tickets you are helping protect in your own way our right to ride as we choose. So here is to be hoping to see you out there this year on the road, at events, working the grass roots, or just coming together because we can.

Let's have a great year everyone.

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

Bob (Mouse) Ellinger State Coordinator



Assistant State
Coordinator

No article submitted.



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 officers 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

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What is the date of your Annual Meeting? (Hint: it's the meeting where officers are elected)

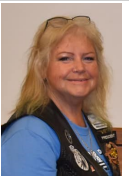
Do your Annual Meeting Minutes show the names of newly elected chapter officers?

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

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Newsletter
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Articles due January 13th 2024 for the February 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.*



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Products
Coordinator

First and foremost, thank you to those who made purchases at the State Board meeting in December. It was a great pilot for some of the new items.

Looking forward to seeing how well they do at the Seminar.

Don't forget that the T-shirts are available for pre-order on the website.

The website will be up and running soon!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Good luck and thank you to the officers who are going out from the board and welcome to the board members coming in.

See you all at the Seminar!!!!!!!

Looking forward to everyone.

Thank you for all you do.

Paulette Korte



Safety and Ed
Coordinator

Happy New Year!
I hope everyone had a great Christmas...

With the Cold Winter Months ahead please make Safety a Priority as well when driving your Cage. It can only help to have a Blanket, Winter Gloves, Hats and Hand-warmers and other such needy items in case of an Emergency..

Our Goals as being a Safety & Education Officer for your Chapter is to Educate the Teens and the Public about how important it is to Watch For and Protect our rights and Safety as motorcyclists..

We play a big part when it comes to our Community Awareness and Campaigns.

This year, I hope to reach out more publicly than the prior year

of 2023..

Teacher Workshops, School Events, Community Campaigns and so forth..

Special Thanks to all those that went out and did Safety & Education Presentations!! Speaking on behalf of all Motorcyclists we Thank you!

This will take the effort of all of us to make this happen..

As of 12/09/2023 we have had 157 Motorcycle Fatalities in Illinois. That's 157 too many!

I hope to see everyone at the Seminar!

John "Fireball" Anderson

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State Secretary

Happy New Year Everyone.

I hope the holidays have been go to you. The December meeting was a great meeting with 37 chapters present and 22 guests.

We held the Election for the 2024 Executive Board. State Coordinator – Bob “Mouse” Ellinger Assistant Coordinator – Scott “Scooter” Carter Secretary – Teri Smith Treasurer – Paul Truax Legislative Coordinator – Josh “Ski” Witkowski Safety and Education Coordinator – John “Fireball” Anderson Products Coordinator – Paulette Korte Newsletter Coordinator – Sonya Link Public Relations – Chris Hansen Bike Raffle Coordinator – Howard Nation Activities Coordinator – Sharilyn Kibler-Russell Regional Coordinators: Northeast Region – Rich Gruner Northwest Region – Bob Carroll East Central Region -Rick Makowski and Todd Farthing West Central Region – George Hurst and Mike Thompson Southeast Region- Bob Stout Southwest Region – Martha Patterson Congratulations to the new board.

The Board of Directors passed the following motions: BOD2023-021 Motion to make the changes to the policy and procedures as recommended by the committee by Freedom Valley, seconded by Salt Creek. No opposed. Motion passed. BOD2023-022 Motion to reseate the By-Law Committee by Heart of Illinois, seconded by Thunder Rock. Blackhawk opposed. Motion passed. BOD2023-023 Motion to appoint Teri Smith as the new PAC Secretary/Treasurer by Prairieland Seconded by Eastern. No opposed. Motion passed. BOD2023-024 Motion to reseate the west side trustees on the ABATE PAC by Eastern, seconded by Salt Creek. No opposed. Motion passed. BOD2023-025 Motion to reseate the FED PAC with members listed by Eastern, seconded by Thunder Rock. No opposed. Motion passed.

The next meetings will be February 17, 2024 at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield. Executive Board will meet at 10:30am. Board of Directors will meet at 1:00pm.

It has been an honor to serve as your secretary for 2023. I’m looking forward to what adventures 2024 has to bring us.

Teri Smith, Secretary

By-Law Review Committee for 2024

Chairman – Pat Jones

<u>Region</u>	<u>Committee Person</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Northeast	Chris Hansen	
Northwest	Sandy Murrell	
East Central	William “Howdy” Mills	Teri Smith
West Central	Hunter John Harris	Mike Thompson
Southeast	Ted Zacko	Bob Stout
Southwest	Martha Patterson	

ABATE PAC The PAC will be using a new email address beginning in 2024: abatePAC@abate-il.org

Chairman – Hunter John Harris
Secretary/Treasurer – Teri Smith

<u>Region</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Northeast	Rich Gruner	2024
	Chris Hansen	2024
	Dan Harper	2024
	Patrick Jones	2024
	Enrique Silva	2024
Northwest	Neal Toepfer	2025
	Teri Smith	2024
East Central	Sharilyn Kibler-Russell	2024
	Joel Wannemmacher	2024
	Hunter John Harris	2025
West Central	Mike Thompson	2025
Southeast		
Southwest	Rich Kinkade	2025
Legislative Coord.	Josh Witkowski	

FED PAC

Chairman – Ryan Hubbard
Secretary/Treasurer – Elizabeth Winters

Hunter John Harris
Mike Scovel
Bob Myers
Chris Hansen
Ric Silva
Pat Jones
Rich Kinkade
Dennis Yeager

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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

BOD Attendance							
Chapter	February	April	June	August	October	December	Post Cards Sent
Backroads	X	-			X	X	6/23
Black Diamond	-	X		X	X	X	
Blackhawk	X	X	X		X	X	
Central Illinois	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Chicago	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Crawford County	X	X	X	X	X		
Dukane	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Eastern Illinois	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Embarass Valley	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Freebird	X	X	X			X	11/23
Freedom Riders	-	X	X	X	X	X	
Freedom Valley	X	X	X			X	
Freeport	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Heart of Illinois	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kaskaskia Valley	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kishwaukee Valley	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lamoine Valley	X	X		X	X	X	
Liberty	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lincolmland	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Midstate	X	X		X	X	X	
Northern Illinois	X	X	X	X	X		
Old River	X	-				X	6/23
Open Roads	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pathfinders	X	X		X	X		
Peo-Taz	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Piasa-Gateway	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Priairieland	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Richland County	X	X	X	X		X	
Salt Creek	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Shawnee Hills	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Shoal Creek	X	X	X	X		X	
South Suburban	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Southern Illinois 27	X	X	X	X		X	
St Clair	X	X			X	X	9/23
Starved Rock	X	X	X	X	X	X	
State Line Riders	-	X		X			
Ten Mile Creek	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Thunder Rock	X	X	X	X		X	
Tri-County	X	X	X			X	11/23
Twin Rivers	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Union Jack	X	X		X			
Will County	X		X	X	X	X	
Windy City	-	X					9/23




ABATE of Illinois Yard Signs

We will have the ABATE of Illinois Yard Signs available for pickup at the June 17 EBOY/BOO meetings at the Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center. Email Chris Hansen at PR@abate-il.org to let him know how many your chapter will be picking up. They're \$50 each.

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Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters!

It's January, so let me wish you all a Happy New Year! Every year brings a fresh start and yet carries some of the same challenges from the previous year, so we have a lot of work to do!

If you haven't already, get January 19th – 20th on your calendar! It's the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar and Banquet at the Northfield Inn, Suites, and Conference Center in Springfield, IL. Your ABATE of Illinois Assistant State Coordinator Scott "Scooter" Carter has been hard at work getting this put together. This year, we're going back to the basics of motorcyclist grass roots work! There will be breakout sessions where you can pick different topics to learn more about to bring back to your chapters, a fantastic banquet and awards ceremony, live auctions that you know Squirrel just can't wait for, ABATE of Illinois Products on-site, and of course the always fun hospitality room. Plus, you know that Ski always has a guest speaker or two on deck! This is always a great weekend full of motorcyclist camaraderie and education, so head to <https://abate-il.org/Seminar-2024> NOW to get your tickets. Be sure to book your rooms at the Northfield Inn ASAP, as you know they don't last long. We look forward to seeing you all there!

With the new year comes a new slate on the motorcyclist fatality stat line. With over 150 motorcyclist fatalities in 2023, it's beyond important for you to have plans this year to get into the public and talk about motorcycle safety and awareness. It's imperative for our brothers and sisters on the open road that motorists are aware of our presence out there on the road. Make this a priority for your chapters in 2024. Lives depend on it!

I hope you all have plans to attend the upcoming events that ABATE of Illinois has coming up, and we have been pushing them more on social media to spread the word.

ABATE of Illinois Seminar and Banquet on January 19th – 20th

ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet on April 28th

I want to thank you all for electing me for a 4th term as Public Relations Coordinator. I am happy that you trust me to work for you, to get our message out there, and to give you resources to use to spread our message. I look forward to all our work in 2024.

As always, I am available if you need to reach out or have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Text or email me any time. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!!!

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen



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UNSURE WHAT TO DONATE REACH OUT TO ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR Sharilyn Kibler-Russell 217-480-5212

activities@abate-il.org



BAKE SALE

Friday January 19th, 2024

Donations Needed

Proceeds to State Newsletter Fund

Bring your favorite goodies to the banquet/auction room Friday by 6:00 pm. You can have them wrapped and priced or I can price for you.

If you have any questions you call/text me at

309-696-0450 or email me at newsletter@abate-il.org

Thanks..... Sonya Link

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Motorcycle Swap Meet

Sunday April 28, 2024

Illinois State Fairgrounds-Springfield

Orr Building

Complete the form below and send with payment for vendor space to:

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Vendor Set-Up..... 1pm – 6pm Saturday and 6am-8am Sunday
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Electricity: Yes No No# of Tables _____ No# of Chairs _____

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Card No _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC _____

Signature _____

(There is a convenience fee for taking credit cards)

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Requirements:

A written essay of 1500 to 2500 words covering the listed topic ideas concerning issues supported by ABATE of Illinois.

Topic Ideas:

- What ABATE means to me.
- 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.

For more information contact the office at: ABATE of Illinois
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Avon, IL 61415-0526

1-800-87-ABATE or 309-343-6588

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Pre- Registration (complete one per each attendee)

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____

Seminar Only (\$20) _____ Seminar and Banquet (\$40) _____

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Must be received by January 17, 2024

Be A Sponsor of ABATE of Illinois Seminar

January 19-20, 2024

The ABATE Seminar is held annually to inform and educate our members, and to enhance the operation of the organization. The attendance fee is kept low to promote attendance and does not cover the expense of the seminar.

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Donations can be made any time prior to the seminar, but must be received by December 31, 2023 to ensure that they are included in the program and banners are printed.

Yes, I want to help sponsor the 2024 ABATE of Illinois Seminar Awards Banquet. I am enclosing a check for:

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All donations will help defray the expenses of the Annual Seminar

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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

No article submitted.



NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB CARROLL

No article submitted.



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



On behalf of myself and Todd Farthing we would like to thank all of the chapters of the east central region for voting us in as co-coordinators for our region. We look forward to working with all of the chapters and will be visiting you at your meetings and events. Our first regional meeting will be at the seminar in January, please have a representative from each of your chapters plan on attending.

Thanks
Rick Makowski



WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MIKE THOMPSON & GEORGE HURST



Hello West Central Region of ABATE.
I am George Hurst, along with Mike Thompson will be your co-coordinators this year. Mike lives in the west of the region and me in the east. Hopefully we can serve the region good this way.

Let us know about any problems you are having, activities coming up, or concerns about motorcycling.

We are about the only people looking out for motorcyclists' rights.
Let people know we are out there, always.

Promote ABATE, George

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

No article submitted.

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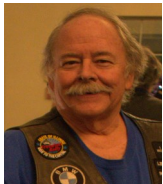
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SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOBBY STOUT

I just got back home from the December BOD meeting and Christmas Party. I'd like to thank all the chapters in the SE region for their trust and support in electing me as their regional representative again for 2024. Remember this organization is designed to work from the bottom up. To do this I have to meet and talk with the chapter members.

I tried to visit a meeting held by every chapter in the southeast region this year (2023) but I did not make it to any of the meetings held by two of the chapters (but I did make it to an event put on by one of those two chapters) I plan to make an effort to visit at least one meeting held by all Southeast region chapters in 2024.

When I do visit a chapter meeting, I try to listen rather than talk but I can pass on information about rules and procedures and give my opinion (and I've had many comments made about my opinion... Oh well...). Don't be afraid that there is something wrong if I tell you I am going to attend one of your meetings. I am probably just there to meet you. However, if there is something you think I can help your chapter with, do not be afraid to contact me and ask for me to come to your meeting. My phone contact information is in this newsletter and my email ID is southeast@abate-il.org.

There are two other things I'd like to bring up. The first is this. This is the time of year when chapter officers will often change. Please keep an open mind about working with the "new guy" We have a lot of smaller chapters in this area. In some ways a smaller chapter is tougher to manage than a large chapter. In the larger chapter if someone can't do a job, there is probably someone else who can do it. In the small chapter that may not be the case. So, while we all need to work together, this is particularly true for a smaller chapter.

The second isn't really my responsibility but, I am sure anyone who rides a motorcycle will understand that distracted drivers are a large problem and each year there are some motorcyclist's killed by a driver who is just not paying attention to what they are doing. Prior to COVID-19 most areas had someone who went to their local High Schools to give a Motorcycle Awareness presentation to the Drivers Ed classes. A Motorcycle Awareness presentation is a classroom presentation designed to make other drivers aware of the issues that make a motorcycle harder to see.

Most of the people giving the presentations were ABATE members who volunteered to go into the school to do the presentation. Because of this, ABATE works with the local school systems to oversee these presentations. This is why "Safety and Ed" is listed as one of the offices in the chapters and E-Board In some chapters the "Safety and Ed officer" was the person who actually went into the school to do the presentation and in other chapters they were the person who coordinated the training and interfaced with the E-Board Safety and Ed officer (who is John "Fireball" Anderson now) .. In a perfect world 100% of all drivers would have watched this presentation but, as you know, the world is far from perfect.

During the peak of the COVID-19 the people doing the presentations were not allowed into their area high schools and these presentations stopped being given. In a lot of areas these presentations still have not been restarted. Some chapters do not even have a Safety and Ed officer right now. One of the things I'd like to work on getting done this year is to get these presentations restarted in the areas where there is currently no one to do it. If the presentations are not currently being done in your area and you know of someone in your area that would be willing to do them, please let either Fireball or I know.

Robert "Bobby" Stout
SE Region Coordinator

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ANOTHER REASON TO INCREASE YOUR COVERAGE TO AT LEAST 250/500

The odd choice of 100,000 per person/300,000 per accident uninsured and underinsured coverage on a motorcycle

That is, unless you have a sidecar. If you're paying for 100,000 per person/300,000 per accident un/underinsured coverage on your motorcycle (a two-person vehicle) then you're paying for potential coverage for a third person that will never be there. Now, it is better to have 100/300 than even lower limits such as 25,000/50,000, but hopefully this pushes you to up your limit to 250,000 per person/500,000 per accident to better cover yourself in case an uninsured driver turns left in front of you. And at least you'll know you're not paying for coverage for a third person who is not legally allowed to ride on your motorcycle (again, unless you have a sidecar).

-by Hilary Barnes ABATE LEGAL LAWYER.

MARVELS OF MARVEL MYSTERY OIL - A SECRET MUST FOR MOTORCYCLE WINTER STORAGE

When it gets so cold out you know you will not be riding for a few weeks, stop by an auto parts store or a Walmart and get a quart can of Marvel Mystery Oil. Pour almost the whole can in the gas tank (save about 4-6 tablespoons for later), and then fill the tank up completely with fuel. The Marvel Mystery Oil will act as an upper cylinder lubricant. *(This stuff has been around since the 30s, and I still don't know how it works. Air cooled airplane engines love the stuff. And we all know that the airplane guys got the idea for aircraft engines from us motorcycle guys. If you want to unstick some valves or lubricate sticking valves, this stuff works like magic. Paul Romine, the guy who remanufactured Ford engines for Ford in the midwest and a NHRA Champion, swears by the stuff, and that's enough for me. -Rod)*

Remember that 4-6 tablespoons of Marvel Mystery Oil we held in reserve? Now comes the time to use it. Pull the spark plugs out of the engine, pour a tablespoon of Marvel Mystery Oil in each cylinder, and turn the engine over by hand several revolutions in order to spread the Marvel Mystery Oil around the cylinder walls. Reinstall the spark plugs. Simple steps like these will keep your bike ready for this spring and many more to come! Especially if you own a shovel.

GRANDDAD'S HARLEY DAVIDSON WLA - IS IT COVERED?

Q. You are restoring your grandfather's WLA. It is not plated/

licensed because you have taken it all apart in your garage and have restored it like new. Grand-dad would be proud. But before you plate/license the bike, your garage catches fire and destroys your family heritage. You call your insurance company and make a claim for your loss under the fire policy for your home/garage. They pay for the garage fire loss and all of the personal property, but deny your claim for the motorcycle. How can this be?

A. Most homeowners/fire insurance policies have an exclusion for "unlicensed" motorcycles/automobiles. So if you want your restoration project covered you must call your insurance company and request that the "project" be specifically scheduled on your homeowners insurance policy. The charge is usually modest. Failure to get this bike scheduled will leave you without insurance on your bike if it is destroyed by fire. Interestingly, if the motorcycle has been totally disassembled into parts, a good argument could be made that under most homeowner policies, the parts would have been covered. But as to a completed bike, not so. A long time ABATE member from Springfield, Illinois discovered this the hard way. "Digger" was restoring his vintage bike when his garage caught fire and destroyed his prized possession. His insurance carrier took a hard line and denied coverage for his bike. Moral of the story: call your insurance company and ask them whether the unlicensed bike is covered. If they say yes— send a confirming email/letter. If they say no, acknowledge to yourself that you are going bare (no coverage) or get the bike scheduled on your policy for the proper value.

DROP MY NAME

From Lisa Best, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. -

Rod, "We wanted to say thank you. We felt our car insurance company was taking advantage of us after an accident. We dropped your name during a discussion with them and the problem was resolved within an hour. You must be famous!"

Lisa, any ABATE member is free to use my name anytime. Hope it works. Rod

THE DEFINITION OF "BIKER" HAS EVOLVED

Q: People say I'm a biker. What's a biker? ABATE member.

A: Depends on your attitude, I suppose. The word "biker," like many others, has meaning and usage, some of which are positive, and some of which are not. Not even dictionaries can agree on the definition. Webster's Third New International Dictionary defines a biker as "motorcyclist; especially one who is a member of an organized gang." (A member of a gang? What is with that?) The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language notes a biker is "1. One who rides a bicycle or a motorbike. 2. A motorcyclist, especially a member of a motorcycle gang." Meanwhile, our British cousins define a biker as "someone who rides a motorcycle or bicycle," - Cambridge Dictionary of American English. Curiously, the Cambridge International Dictionary of English notes an informal usage of biker as "a member of a gang group of motorcyclists." The Random House Historical Dictionary of American Slang notes

that the meaning of “biker” as “gang member” became current usage in 1968. Of course, the term would have been used informally for some time before that. Prior to 1981, Webster’s had no definition for biker at all, and was added in order to better reflect current trends in popular usage, according to a spokesperson for Webster’s.

How did we get from “motorcycle rider” to “gang member?” The exact route is unclear, but three events seem to have solidified the “gang member” connotation for bikers. The first is the Hollister, CA rally of 1947. Shortly after the end of WWII, large numbers of demobilized troops turned to motorcycling for recreation, camaraderie, and as a way of dealing with the lingering horrors of war (Today, it is called post traumatic stress syndrome by some). One of the gatherings of riders that caught the attention of the press was a rally held in Hollister, California, about 100 miles south of San Francisco. Life Magazine, in an effort to portray the spirit of motorcycling, staged a picture of a man sitting on top of a motorcycle amid a pile of beer bottles. The myth of the biker was born.

Two other events brought the myth into clear focus for the masses, and both were images from the movies. The 1954 release of Brando’s “The Wild One” and 1969’s “Easy Rider” cemented an image of bikers as marauding, out-of-control gang members. Subsequent movies and books have relied on those associations to the point where the mental image of “biker” becomes Brando or Dennis Hopper (with a

football helmet, no less). It’s a shame that a conscientious, hard-working, freedom-loving group of individualists are defined by media image and a some that are not us.

How do we change the image? We keep doing the things we always do: respect others, defend our rights, participate in our communities, help the less fortunate, and ride safely. But we can do more, like contacting publishers of dictionaries and letting them know that bikers aren’t gang members any more than any other group. ABATE Legal has taken the lead by writing to the publishers of Webster’s and other dictionaries to ask that they make modifications to the definition to clarify the usage.

Ride Safe.

Rod Taylor

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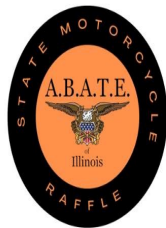
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Jan 7, 2024	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	Winter Blows Swap Meet
Jan 19-20, 2024	Springfield	Northfield Inn	ABATE Seminar
February 11, 2024	Princeton	Fairgrounds	Swap Meet
February 17, 2024	Bloomington	Grossinger Arena	Ice Racing
February 25, 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 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
August 23-24, 2024	Tonica	Downtown	Jeep Jam & Car Show
Aug 29–Sept 1, 2024	Springfield	State Fairgrounds	Springfield Mile – Drawing

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January 12-14, 2024 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 May 17-19, 2024 June 28-30, 2024 July 5-7, 2024 August 16-18, 2024
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SOUTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



St. Clair
County
Chapter

St Clair Chapter will be putting out a chapter newsletter in January. In it will be all officer chapter contacts and

meeting dates.

Our next newsletter will go out in September, but you will receive a meeting reminder each month. The reason being is no one will step forward to carry on what a few of us has been holding together for years. Nobody has stepped forward for the newsletter coordinator, public relations officer, or mem-

bership coordinator. I am president and legislation again this year along with mailing out the meeting reminders and sending out renewals to members. All other information will be in the chapter newsletter.

Our next meeting is January 11th at 7pm at TR's Place in Belleville. The February meeting is on the 8th, same place, and same time. We will be having an Anniversary Ride in May, details shared when we get it together.

Respects, Mike Gallagher

NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport
Chapter

Welcome to winter. The holidays have come and gone and we are looking forward to a new year. Congratulations to the new officers, and thank you to the outgoing officers.

Our Chapter has a prize at the end of the year if you attend all 12 meetings this year. All you have to do is sign in at every meeting. We also have a mileage contest. Give your starting mileage to our activities coordinator, Doug Van Horn, before you start riding, and turn in your ending mileage next December at the meeting. Then go out and ride, ride, ride. Our Manniac Summer Tour Books will be ready in March. Cost is \$15 for a whole summer of riding. 24 stops. Card draw is at our October meeting.

Our January meeting has been changed to the second Sunday, January 14, 2024. This is to accommodate the members going to the State Seminar. The officer's meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. All members are welcome to attend the officer's meeting. It is held at Big O's at 6:30.

The State Seminar is January 19-20. This is a good event to break the winter blues. It is in Springfield, Illinois at the Northfield Inn. ABATE of Illinois books the whole hotel. There is a meet and greet and silent and live auction on Friday night. On

Saturday there is a general meeting where some awards are handed out, region meetings and lunch is provided by ABATE Legal Services. After lunch there are several breakout sessions and an awards banquet with another silent and live auction. It is a great time to meet members from all around the state, and the state officers, too.

There are Burger Runs set up for January 6th at Logan's, and February 24th at Big O's. Both are in Freeport. We also have our annual Margarita Run on February 10th at Feista en Cancun @ 6:00pm in Freeport. If you are going to attend the Margarita Run please give me a call @ 815-980-7481 so I can let the restaurant know how many are coming. The NW Region Chili Shootout in Dixon is February 3rd at the VFW. Bring your best pot of chili. Last pot in by 4:00pm. There are 2 classes, hot and mild. There is also a silent and live auction, and a bake sale. A \$5 donation at the door goes to ABATE PAC. The February meeting is back to the 3rd Sunday, February 18th, 2024.

We hope to see everyone at an event this year.

Safe Travels,

Becky



Twin
Rivers
Chapter

Hope the holidays were good for everyone and their families.

Our December/Christmas meeting/dinner hasn't happened at the time of this writing, but I'm going to predict we had a great turnout and wonderful weather. Our December meeting will have been election time and almost all of our officers have graciously accepted to hold office another year. Those that can't, thank you very much for your dedication to our chapter and the state.

We will be discussing the upcoming **Swap Meet on February 25th at the Elk's Lodge in Dixon.**

We can always use help both setting up and tearing things down. Neither takes very long if everyone pitches in. So, if you are an early riser and can spare a half hour or so we would appreciate it. You can always enjoy breakfast there when we

are done. If morning isn't your thing, come and help about 1:30 to clean up. If you can't do either, support your chapter and see what good deals can be had for that project you've been meaning to finish this winter. There are always vendors with jewelry and other items, so bring your significant other along too! Plus, it's a great time to get out and see fellow riders.

Sounds like it might be a fairly decent winter, so if you ride on any of the nice days, be sure to wipe the salt off your bike when you get home. It tends to eat right through any wiring that is exposed and gets into connections that you might not realize are vulnerable.

Looking forward to 2024!

Kat



Open
Roads
Chapter

OPEN ROADS ABATE

Hope everyone had a **Very Blessed Christmas**. 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. Don't forget to watch for motorcycles as there are still those dichards who ride all season. Just because the season is winter, it doesn't mean everyone stores their bike. But never fear...there are events and happenings going on despite the season. There are Christmas parties, chili cook offs, pool tournaments, state seminar, membership drives, and other events that will keep you going during the snowy and colder months.

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 Rebecchini, Court Jester – Tracey Supan, BOD Rep – Brian Smith/Kevin 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.

Summer Book 2024 – is in the works and will be put together 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.

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.

Fall Train Fun Run – November 18, met at Aurora Train Station to enjoy a day of fun at 3 stops, games, buy new shirts, coozies, and seeing friends. 82 people enjoyed a day of having fun, drawings, can coozies, smorgasbord of drinks, t-shirts, games, great hospitality at 3 stops, food, drink, and reminiscing with friends.

First stop was at “Zubar” in Brookfield, second stop was “The Garage” in Berwyn, and third stop was “Phil’s Bar & Grill” in Brookfield.

Black Friday Turkey Crawl Ride – Members from Open Roads participated in a Black Friday Turkey Crawl Ride on Black Friday with the temperature being under 32 degrees. Yes, they did ride – Sam and Sharyl Mataya, Kevin Smith, and Cliff Oleson. Tracey Supan and Nickie Warmac joined them on 4 wheels. They met at the Friendly Tap in Plano, visited Last Chance in Millington, The Elevator in Sheridan, Maddie's in Leland, Pub West in Waterman, The Pub in Hinckley, and ended at Don's Olde Tyme Inn in Sandwich. All these stops were in our 2023 Summer Book with the exception of Don's.

Distributing Gift Cards to Senior Housings – Members from Open Roads ABATE assisted Plano Rockin' Christmas and American Legion Riders from Sandwich on December 9 in handing out gift cards (for food) to all the residents in Countryside Village Apartments and Deer Run Apartments in Plano. The residents were very appreciative and encourages more visits from our members.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feed My Starving Children, Saturday, January 6 – begin the New Year by hand packing food. Hope for others begins with a reliable source of nutritious food. Address is 555 Exchange Court in Aurora or ride as a group. Time to meet would be 8 am at the Plano American Legion and time to spend at Feed My Starving Children is from 9 to 11 am. Please contact Linda on 630-552-3828 to sign up (we need to have our names posted ahead of January 6).

Next Meeting – Our December meeting will also be our Christmas Party on Saturday, **January 13** (yes, January 13). The meeting will begin at 5 pm followed by the **Chapter Christmas Party**. The chapter will provide the meat (ham and turkey) and table service. Members will be asked to bring side dishes as follows: last name A - I salad; J - Q appetizer; R - Z dessert. If you wish to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$15 suitable for a male or female. This is NOT a white elephant exchange. If you bring a gift, you get a gift. If you don't bring a gift, you don't get a gift. Food, gifts, friends = a fun evening.

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

NW Region 17th 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.

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, 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.

Wishing you Joy, Peace, and Love throughout the year, after celebrating the true meaning of CHRISTmas. Enjoy the true gifts of Christmas – the three F’s – Faith, Family, and Friends. May GOD bless you this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity



Pictures:

Open Roads ABATE members mingled with the residents from Deer Run Apartments on December 9 and distributed gift cards from Plano Rockin’ Christmas. Members include Mike Rennels, Bill & Sally Kolb, Kevin & Patti Smith, Bob & Cherie Mauer, Cliff & Linda Oleson.



**Starved
Rock
Chapter**

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

Do you know your life is in danger when riding your motorcycle if a driverless vehicle is near you on the road? Do you know your life is in danger when crossing the street if a driverless vehicle is approaching? Do you know there are over 768,000 driverless vehicles in the USA? It is 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! DEFEAT THEM BEFORE THEY DELETE YOU!

One of our chapter members, Jack Daniels Devine, has suggested we try to come up with a **slogan** or **catchphrase** that will attract new members (or old members who haven’t renewed). WE NEED to have a “cause” that draws people to ABATE of Illinois. Suspending the use of Driverless vehicles without more safety testing could/should be that cause. Please think about this and see what you can come up with!

****Our Chapter sponsors, Landon Brandt, a motocross competitor who will be racing December 16th in Alabama. Good luck Brandon!****

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

We had our meeting Sunday December 3rd at Jamie’s Outpost in Utica. Jamie’s is owned by Starved Rock ABATE members Jamie and Tracy Mix. There were 42 members and 2 guests present. Jerry Sexton won the membership drawing and donated \$70.00 to the chapter. Thanks Jerry!

2024 Officers are as follows: President: Don Jackson, VP: Bob Ganze, Secretary: Rick Brandt, Treasurer: Linda Brandt, Activities: Rachel Kreiser, PR: Karen Bramel,

Membership: Nancy Nelson, Products: Tom Brown Safety&Ed: Kevin and Karen Bramel, Legislative: Kevin Bramel, BOD: Dan Kleckner, BOD Alternate: Kevin Bramel, Newsletter; Nora Kleckner, Historian: Mary Sexton- appointed. Sgt. at Arms: Mitch Urban, Robert Halm, and Joe Panicucci.

Thanks to those who stepped up to fill an office and thanks to all outgoing officers!

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

Meeting Sunday January 7th, 2024 at O-9ers Pub 818 N. Shabbona St. in Streator at 12:30PM. O-9ers is owned by Starved Rock Chapter member Brett Freeman. There will be food and drinks available for purchase.

ABATE of Illinois Seminar- January 19-21st, 2024 at the Northfield Inn in Springfield.

NW Region 17th 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 4th 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.

SAVE THE DATE for Legislative Day on a Wednesday in March- date TBA

For Starved Rock Chapter clothing and other items: Check out this site. <http://Allpointsprinting.comany.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 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



**Thunder
Rock
Chapter**

**Welcome to 2024 A NEW YEAR,
new beginnings and
*NEW ADVENTURES***



Winter is upon us, but Spring is coming, less than 90 days until March 19th, the first day of spring.

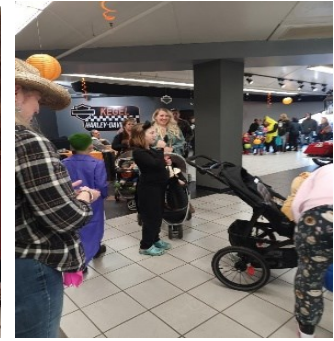
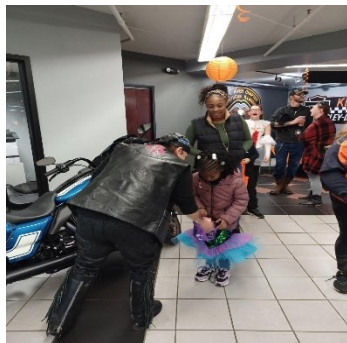
[This Photo](#) by Un-party and voting time. First Thunder Rock would like to take this chance and give Thanks to all the officers of 2023, for their time, dedication to our Chapter and to ABATE of Illinois; **Bob Carroll** (President), **Terry Weil** (Vice President, Membership, Safety & Ed), **Shannon Grow** (Secretary, Web Master, Newsletter), **Skip Grow** (Treasurer), **Joe Roth** (Legislative & Activities), **Cindy Weil** (State Newsletter). Most importantly a Big THANK YOU to all the members, that make Thunder Rock a chapter.

Thunder Rock would like to welcome the officers for 2024 and thank you in advance for your dedication and time in keeping this chapter in good standing, to be able to continue to be part of ABATE OF ILLINOIS. **Terry Weil** (President, Safety & ED), **Mel DeShazo** (Secretary, Newsletter and Web Master) **Josh Deshazo** (Legislator, activities) **Charlie Franks** (Treasurer), **Cindy Weil** (Membership, State Newsletter). Thank you too all and Welcome. Let's make 2024 a year full of Education, Activities and Memories.

Our meetings are held the 1st Sunday of each month at 11:15 at The Rack in Stillman Valley, please try to attend, to learn what is happening at STATE Level with ABATE. Every member is vital to Abate, your thoughts and Ideals are appreciated and wanted. Let's make 2024 a great year! Together we can do that! Please watch our Face book page for any changes in the meetings.

Past events

Kegels Trunk n treat was Oct 21st and it was a success again.



Thanks to Kegels Harley-Davidson for hosting this event each year for the Kids.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NW Region Chili Shootout February 3rd at DIXON VFW in Dixon Il 3:00 pm to 7:00 PM.

Thunder Rock does have some members that can make an awesome chili and have placed in the shootout. Let's do it again, Hope to see you there.

Thunder Rock will be doing the same with Membership drawing again for the 2024 year.

A reminder, at each meeting a name is drawn for one year membership paid for by our chapter, however you must be present to qualified and an active member.

November name was Terry Weil AND he was present and received one year membership paid for by our chapter.

December was Bill Cook and he was NOT present.

Hope to see you all at our meeting, to help brainstorm on what we can do for events for upcoming year and to make our chapter even better.

Until next time stay safe, AND a reminder to watch our facebook pages for any upcoming events and changes.

Hope to see you all soon.

Cindy Weil,
Thunder Rock



AVAILABLE DATES
Contact Howard by
email: bike@abate-il.org

January 12-14, 2024
January 26-28, 2024
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March 8-10, 2024
March 15-17, 2024

March 23-24, 2024
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April 5-7, 2024
April 19-21, 2024
May 10-12, 2024
May 17-19, 2024
June 28-30, 2024
July 5-7, 2024
August 16-18, 2024



NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



Northern
Illinois
Chapter

We held our most recent meeting on Saturday November 25th.

October meeting minutes were approved. After reports from our Treasurer, Membership and Legislative were given, the final details for our Christmas party were discussed. A White Elephant gift exchange will be run along with games and raffle prizes. Checks were written to pay the chapters Liability Insurance for 2024 and sponsor the State Seminar at the Gold level. A nice group of Northern members will be heading to Springfield for the seminar to see the ABATE quilt auctioned off for ABATEPAC.

We will be looking for an alternative to our PO Box that will be coming due early next year.

Donna received our latest order from Johnny D Tees and distributed the products to those who ordered items. A committee was formed for the Quilts of Valor (Sandy, Barb and Rich) to determine who will be a recipient of a quilt early next year.

Our elections will be held immediately ahead of our Christmas party.

Following are the nominees for 2024:

President- Rich Gruner
Vice President- Mike Ryan
Secretary (Co-Chairs)- Vicki Matson & Donna Ryan
Treasurer- Kevin Stirrat
Membership- Diane Gruner
Legislative/BOD Rep. (Co-Chairs)- Mike Ryan & Vicki Matson
Safety & Ed- Open
Products- Donna Ryan

Our upcoming meetings and events are:

Christmas Party, Sunday December 17, Doyle's Pub
Meeting, Saturday January 27, 11 AM, Doyle's Pub
Chili Cook-off, Saturday February 24, 6-10 PM,
Wauconda American Legion



Will
County
Chapter

A HUGE thanks to everyone that attended our December membership

meeting! We had a great turnout for our 2024 Board Member elections. A tremendous thanks to the board members who served on the 2023 board, your efforts are greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Paul Burden, who served as the Will County Chapter Safety and Education Coordinator for many years, during which he educated thousands of students in and around the Will County area about motorcycle safety. Thank you, Paul, for all your efforts to help ensure that our roads are safe for motorcyclists.

Congratulations to the newly elected board members:

President- David "Pink" Floyd
Treasurer- Amy Hausman
Secretary- Nicole Cassem
Legislative- Lisa MacLean
Safety & Education- Amanda MacLean-Kelly
Membership- Adrienne Aeschliman
Merchandise- Kelly Carollo
Communications- Mike Maksimik
Road Captain- Stephen Ybarra
Sgt. at Arms- Glenn Corbett

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

****DATE CHANGE****- due to conflicts, 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. Be on the lookout for information regarding our 2024 Will County A.B.A.T.E Winter Triathlon, more details to come.



Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events-

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

January 19-20th- State Seminar, registration is open now at ABATE-il.org/theseминаr, for hotel reservations, call the Northfield Inn, #217-523-7900.

February 10th- Cabin Fever Party

March 10th (tentatively)- 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!

Amanda Kelly





Hello from the DuKane Chapter!

I hope that you all had a Happy New Year and that 2024 arrived safely for you all. It's a new year and it's time to get to work for motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties.

We have talked for a few months now about working to get justice for John "JJ" Jones and his family as he was killed on his motorcycle in Geneva, IL. Ricardo Rivera, the man that hit JJ head on, was not charged with anything. With that being the case, DuKane ABATE sent out a call to action to seek justice. As you've followed along, you know that a meeting was set up with Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser to give her decision on charges against Rivera. That meeting happened on November 27th. Family members were in attendance along with President Chris Hansen (via Zoom), Vice President Randy Ramey (via Zoom), and Events Officer Chris Newman. Unfortunately, it was relayed to all of us that they could not find any way to charge Rivera with reckless homicide. In Illinois, reckless homicide does NOT include knowingly getting into a vehicle without a driver's license and insurance and still operating a motor vehicle. We will be attending an upcoming court date for Rivera where he's being charged with traffic violations and the Kane County State's Attorney will be asking for the maximum sentence of jail time. We will keep you all posted as this continues.

It's time to get March 17th on your calendar as we'll be hosting the 7th 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-tap 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, so we look forward to seeing you all there!

With 2024 comes elections, and one race that DuKane ABATE is watching is the re-election campaign of Illinois State Representative Jennifer Sanalidro. Jennifer Sanalidro has worked incredibly hard for motorcyclists in the Illinois Statehouse. She has signed on to significant legislation to protect the rights of motorcyclists, and now she's running for re-election. We support those who support motorcyclists, and DuKane ABATE fully supports Jennifer Sanalidro.

Make sure to join us on January 16th 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

630-618-7551

chrishdguy@gmail.com



Chicago Chapter

Greetings All & Happy New Year!

When this article is published, we would be in the New Year (I believe LOL), if not well Happy New Year on behalf of the members of Chicago ABATE.

Chicago ABATE will be having our 36th Annual Chili & Jalapeno Eating Contest @ the River Park Moose Lodge in River Grove, IL. This event is one of our best attended ones. It's always great to see so many folks out in support & to see & taste the various chili recipes that are presented.

Our Safety & Education Coordinator Ivan "Cookie" Lugo & his team will be setting up various presentations during these cold months. The hope is to enlighten as many young minds as possible across the city & burbs.

We would like to extend a heartfelt & sincerest condolences to our Legislative Director Rick Silva on the loss of his father, may he rest in peace.

Let's all hope for a mild & short Winter so Spring can get here soon!

If you find yourself in the city of Chicago on the 3rd Weds of the month, why not come check us out our stated meeting!

State Newsletter Coordinator, Joy Lugo

Check out our website chicagoabate.com

CHICAGO A.B.A.T.E. 36TH ANNUAL
Chili Cook-off & Jalapeno Pepper Eating Contest
 ADVANCED TICKETS **\$20**
SATURDAY FEB 10th 12noon-6PM
 River Park Moose 8601 Fullerton Ave River Grove, IL
 ALL CHILI COOKOFF CONTESTANTS GET IN FOR FREE WITH A FULL POT OF CHILI!
 CONTESTANTS PLEASE BRING YOUR COOKED CHILI IN AN ELECTRIC CROCK POT. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GLASS LIDS. JUDGING BEGINS @ 3PM
 Door Price **\$25** FREE CHILI WHILE IT LAST-MUSIC-TROPHIES-RAFFLES
 FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: PJ OR COOKIE

WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Central
Illinois
Chapter

Central Illinois Abate
has had a great year.

It's hard to believe another year has passed but
looking forward to 2024.

Here are a few of the upcoming events in 2024.

January 14 BOD & General Membership Meetings/Voting,
TBA Bags Tournament

February 11 BOD & General Membership Meetings/Voting,
24 Cabin Fever Party

March 10 BOD & General Membership Meetings, 16 Broom-
stick Tournament & Chili Cook-off Galesburg

April 14 BOD & General Membership Meetings,
20 Shakedown Ride

May 4 Central's Awareness Parade, 12 BOD & General
Membership Meetings,
18 Youth Riders Ride

Events will be posted on our Central Illinois Abate Facebook
page with all information. We hope everyone will have a safe
winter season.

Jill Ran-

dall



EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Heart of
Illinois
Chapter

2024 Heart of Illinois Abate
Officers.

December 14th at our monthly meeting. If you weren't
there you missed some great food. We would love for
you to stop in for a meeting next year! Meetings are the
2nd Thursday of the month @ the Eagles in
Bloomington.

2024 HEART OF ILLINOIS Chapter Officers

President – Bob “Mouse” Ellinger 815-674-5944

Vice-President – Sonya Link 309-696-0450

Secretary – Melissa Conder 309-242-4378

Treasurer – Lloyd Stork 309-310-3620

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Currently we have 2 open Offices available: Activities
and Safety & Education. If you are interested in
accepting one of those or have questions, please
let me know.

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the
Heart of Illinois Abate members who took time to
support me during the last few years as your President.
I am honored to have been given the opportunity to
serve. I appreciate your confidence in me to do what's
in the best interest of our chapter. I look forward to
continue working with all members of our chapter.
Congratulations and thank you to Robert “Mouse” El-
linger for stepping up in this position and I ensure that
he will provide you with open communication, trans-
parency, and accountability. I know he will be com-
mitted to ensuring that our chapter continues to build
on our tradition of motorcycle awareness.*

Please feel free to contact any of them if you have any
questions or concerns. A few of you that received an
email, your membership has lapsed, if you think you are
one of those, please contact me or Melissa our
membership officer; we will let you know the
renewal date.

We had 11 members present last night Thursday

Sonya Link
Heart of Illinois President



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Safety & Education Department A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois



Liberty Chapter

Hello to 2024! It is a new year, have you made any resolutions yet?

How about this one, resolve to sign up one new ABATE member. If all of us kept this one, then we would be twice as strong, and much better able to fend off the attacks on our freedom! So, keep a membership application with you, talk to fellow riders about the benefits of membership, still only \$25!

A few of the things ABATE has done include legalizing LED lighting, reducing fees on trailers, stopping attempts to ban certain protective clothing and restrictions on your pipe noise levels. Many bills that are introduced never see the light of day because ABATE is there to stamp them out. So, for the price of a meal for two at your favorite fast food joint you can protect your rights for a whole year!

Coming up on February 10th is our 37th anniversary party at the Moose in Mattoon. The anniversary party is the main fundraiser for our chapter, and we need a good turnout to keep us in operation for the coming year. The Biker Bash and our fruit baskets that are distributed at Christmas time are just two of the events that this will help fund. So come on out and have some fun! We will be serving food 5-7, we will

be having raffles, participate drawing and a booze wagon. Live and silent auction. And to top off the evening we will be having live music by Whiskey Weekend. Doors open at 5, and still only \$5! Join or renew your membership at the door, get in free! You cannot find a better value than that.

On the State level, we have our annual Seminar coming up January 19-20. This is held at the Northfield Inn in Springfield. At the Seminar are two auctions, one held for ABATE Pac and one for FedPac. These help with our advocacy efforts in Springfield and on the national level. Also on Saturday night is the awards banquet. It is a full weekend of fellowship and networking with your Brothers and Sisters throughout the State. \$40 in advance, \$50.00 at the door.

Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at the Mattoon Moose Lodge. starting at 1:30.

You can join, renew, at the meeting or any event. On the state website at abate-il.org you can join, renew, change your address, and see the latest events and legislative updates.

Joel Wannemacher



STATELINE RIDERS

Hey, all State Line Riders December has made it.

Time has gone by very fast this past year I'm sure everyone's getting ready for the big work parties and celebrating Christmas and being with your families that's always a good time of year to celebrate be close with the ones that you love. Time is very short!!

So I'd like to say any SLR member that needs to update their membership please do so by getting a hold of one of the SLR officers I do have a list of meetings coming up in 2024 yes the New Year's approaching very fast I hope you all have a beautiful Christmas and a very blessed New Year.

I'm going to give you some dates for the coming year as follows:

December 9th 2023 we will be at The Silo Pub in Watseka at 4:00 we will also be having our State Line Riders Christmas party from 5:00 to 7:00.

January 6th we will be at the Porky Barn in Watseka Illinois at 1:00.

February on the 17th we will be having a broomstick pool

tournament come in and sign up at The Silo Pub it starts at 11:00 a.m.

March 16th meeting at Hideout at 1:00 hopefully it'll be a good ride.

April 26th meeting at the pump 1:00 in Hoopeston.

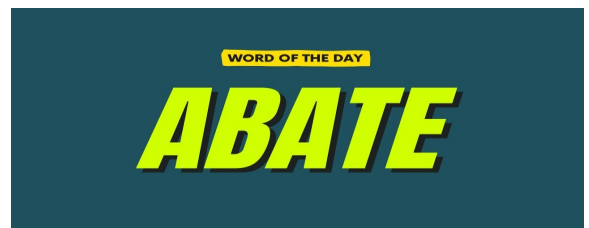
May 18th at the Crazy Horse Saloon in Gilman at 1:00 this is just the start of some of our beginning of the year stuff. And we will be having our kids Christmas like we do every year, It's always a great feeling to know we can help Lil children and our Veterans. This is what my Husband and I enjoyed the most, but since Covid rules have changed, we don't do the kids face to face Just a Few SLR members are allowed to do that so again, I want to thank you all for reading the State Line Riders updates!!

So, everybody I hope you have a very Blessed New Year in 2024.

Signing off,

Newsletter Coordinator

Lisa Ulitzsch





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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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EAST CENTRAL REGION

WEST CENTRAL REGION

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The Black Rose Saloon 802 E Peru St Princeton IL
 (815) 915-8003 **RENEWAL DUE (10/23)**

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 **RENEWAL DUE (8/23)**

ABATE OF ILLINOIS NEWS SUPPORTING BUSINESS APPLICATION

Business Name _____

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Business Phone _____

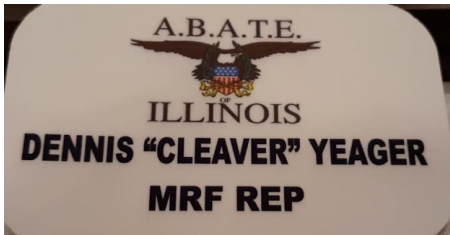
Business Contact Person _____

E-mail Address _____

Chapter and/or Region _____

Fee for 1 year of listing = \$50

Please send to:



Date December, 16, 2023, MRF Report to ABATE of Illinois

MRF Membership in the state of Illinois stands at 479 members with 136 of them lapsed and need to renew, Please!! Be it new or a renewal membership application. If Blank, Please put my name in the "Referred by: blank. Thanks for your support on this.

- Annual Individual Membership \$35
- Annual Joint Membership \$60
- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
- Annual Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Membership \$100
- Individual Auto-Renewal Membership \$35
- Joint Auto-Renewal Membership \$60
- Sustaining Individual Auto-Renewal Membership \$100
- 3-Year Individual Membership \$95
- 3-Year Joint Membership \$140
- Sustaining Membership Club \$100
- Freedom Fighter Donation \$10 \$25 \$_____

Motorcycle Riders Foundation
PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612



Phone: 202.546.0983
www.mrf.org

mrfoffice@mrf.org

It's time you did something more to protect your rights!
Join and Support Motorcycle Riders Foundation

- New
- Renewal
- Referred by Dennis Yeager
Forreston, IL 61030
- Please check if you are a US Citizen 815-238-6262
- Check here to NOT receive patches and pins
- Check here to NOT receive MRF Email alerts
- Check here to receive MRF Newsletter electronically (email)



Name _____

Name of Business _____

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City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ CVV _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please note the updated membership applications, and disregard the older one, trash them if you will, thanks. Let me know if you need any of the newer memberships applications. Thanks to everyone that has been keeping their membership up to date, and to you new members too!

Assistant MRF State Rep, I need some good folks to step up and become Assistant MRF State Rep.

I just returned home from a motorcycle event promoting the great work the MRF and ABATE of IL are doing and seeking memberships in both organizations. I was reminded why I have such a passion for preserving our freedom to ride. The message I was sharing was clear -- to ride free, we must stand together and fight for our rights. Many attendees walked past my booth without stopping. This is when I realized I need more help to get the message out there.

So, here is my "ASK". Will you sign on to be an MRF Assistant State Rep representing your region from ABATE of IL? I know one person from each region can't do this alone so I am looking for multiple Assistant State Reps from all regions. So how do you qualify? Be a member of the MRF AND not be afraid to strike up a conversation with someone.

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 . 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 "Cleaver" MRF State Rep. for Illinois, cleaver1957@gmail.com - 815-238-6262
 Elizabeth Winters, MRF Assistant State Rep. for Illinois, starbrite57@gmail.com - 847-505-9017
 Bobby Carroll, MRF Assistant State Rep. for Illinois, rcarroll63@yahoo.com - 815-978-9210
 Dellann Stutsman, MRF Club Assistant State Rep. for Illinois, lacedog@yahoo.com - 217-473-2295
 _____, MRF Assistant State Rep. for Illinois, _____. Will your name fill in the blanks?



[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 this will list most of the Motorcycle Rights Organizations across the country.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation "MRF" 7-Line Membership Drawing.

If any of our ABATE Chapter's would like to try doing the MRF 7-Line Membership Drawing, and help get more MRF membership in the State of Illinois. A few chapters in the northern part of the state are doing this 7-line MRF 7-Line Membership drawing with great support and success. With getting new and renewal memberships. Thank you to Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, and Freeport Chapters for your Support and help on this subject. Contact me by email for more paperwork and or information, question and answers.

Each person pays \$5 per line to write his/her name on a line.

When the 7 lines are filled, we will have collected the \$35 for a one year membership.

Have the Ace through Seven of any suit pulled out of a deck of cards and randomly draw a single card from that group.

Whichever number card is drawn corresponds to the Line # and that person wins the membership.

1 = Line 1 2 = Line 2 3 = Line 3 4 = Line 4 5 = Line 5 6 = Line 6 7 = Line 7

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

Any one that wins this drawing. This is how it will work out.

New member one year membership from the day it's dated on form. Turn the cash into the MRF office ASAP. A Check may be better than cash in the mail? Made out to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

MRF office – P. O. Box 9090, Peoria, IL. 61612

Any one year membership it will add to your membership on file. ("Renewal")

If joint membership you'll need to have the extra funds to keep it a joint membership. \$35 plus \$25 = \$60. Even if the new member wants a joint membership.

If a 3 year membership, it would be \$35 plus \$105 = \$140. This will add to your membership. Same for a new member want to upgrade it at this time.

If a Sustaining Membership would be \$35. Plus \$65. = \$100.

Mark the application new or renewal membership.

Mark the application "No patch or pin" with new membership.

Date it with the date of today's date.

Please call me if you need too. For membership number of any of said winner.

I would have to say, to send a check over Cash in the mail. "USPS"

Any or all question about this you can call me. All my information is below.

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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
1/01	
1/02	Freedom Riders
1/03	Richland County
1/04	Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County
1/05	
1/06	So Illinois 27
1/07	Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz
1/08	
1/09	Midstate
1/10	Will County
1/11	Heart of Illinois, St. Clair
1/12	
1/13	Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
1/14	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Liberty, Windy City, Ten Mile Creek, Kishwaukee Valley
1/15	Tri County
1/16	DuKane, Lincoln Land
1/17	Chicago
1/18	South Suburban
1/19	
1/20	Black Diamond
1/21	Freeport, Prairieland
1/22	
1/23	
1/24	
1/25	
1/26	
1/27	Northern Illinois
1/28	
1/29	
1/30	
1/31	
*****	Open Roads –December Meeting 1/13/24

Thank you!!!

Thank You State Line Riders Chapter for your \$500 donation to the General Fund

Thank You Will County Chapter for your \$100 donations to the General Fund, Safety & Ed. And FEDPAC Projects.

Thank You for your donations to Safety & Education: Crawford County \$100 and Kishwaukee Valley \$121.

Thank You Twin Rivers Chapter for your \$500 donation to FEDPAC Projects

Thank You for your generous donations!

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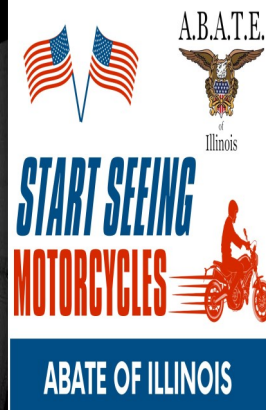


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CHAPTER	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	CONTACT	INCEPTION	RE-GION	UPDATED	PAGE
BACKROADS	410 W CHESTNUT	BALDWIN	IL	62217	618-443-7428	BRAD	03/1990	SW	1/1/2023	
BLACK DIAMOND	525 S BROAD ST	CARLINVILLE	IL	62626	217-710-9338	DANNY	09/1994	SW	1/1/2023	
BLACKHAWK	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	28
CHICAGO	PO BOX 410594	CHICAGO	IL	60641	708-280-6053	PAT	01/1986	NE	1/10/2023	27
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
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 (D0G)	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	28
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	217-662-9275	DWAYNE (RUDEDOG)	10/1986	WC	1/1/2023	
MID-STATE	PO BOX 531	TAYLORVILLE	IL	62568-0531	217-891-1779	TONY	03/1993	EC	1/20/2023	
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	PO BOX 496	LAKE VILLA	IL	60046-0496	847-533-8349	RICH	10/1986	NE	*1/1/2024	26
OPEN ROADS	PO BOX 428	SANDWICH	IL	60548-0428	630-552-3828	CLIFF	01/1992	NW	1/1/2023	23-24
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	618-696-2273	MELONY	10/1986	SW	1/1/2023	
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	
SOUTHERN IL CHAPTER 27	12845 N LIVEN-GOOD	MT VERNON	IL	62864	618-237-0124	TERRY	11/1987	SE	*1/1/2024	
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	29
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	
WINDY CITY	8720 S ESSEX	CHICAGO	IL	60617	773-877-5751	MARSHA	04/2011	NE	8/1/2020	

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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
January 19-21	Seminar
February 17	E-Board and BOD meeting
March 16	E-Board meeting
April 17 April 27 April 28	Legislative Day E-Board and BOD meeting Swap Meet (Springfield – Orr Building)
May 5	Freedom Rally
June 15 June 20-23	E-Board and BOD meeting State Party
August 17	E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations)
September 1st September 21	Bike Raffle Drawing E-Board Meeting
October 19 TBD	E-board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations) Swap Meet
November 16	E-Board Meeting
December 14 December 14	E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Elections) 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 st Senate	
Javier Cervantes (i)	B
4 th Senate	
Kimberly Lightford (i)	C
5 th Senate	
Lakesia Collins (i)	C
7 th Senate	
Mike Simmons (i)	B-
10 th Senate	
Robert Martwick (i)	A+
13 th Senate	
Robert Peters (i)	C
16 th Senate	
Willie Preston (i)	A
19 th Senate	
Michael Hastings (i)	A-
20 th Senate	
Graciela Guzman	NR
Dave Nayak	NR
Natalie Toro (i)	C+
Geary Yonker	NR

22 nd Senate	
Cristina Castro (i)	A
25 th Senate	
Karina Villa (i)	C+
28 th Senate	
Laura Murphy (i)	B+
31 st Senate	
Mary Edly-Allen (i)	C
34 th Senate	
Steve Stadelman (i)	A-
40 th Senate	
Patrick Joyce (i)	B-
Earling Kimberly	NR
43 rd Senate	
Rachel Ventura (i)	F
46 th Senate	
Dave Koehler (i)	A+
49 th Senate	
Meg Loughran-Cappel (i)	B-
52 nd Senate	
Paul Faraci (i)	B-
Democrat Party:	
<i>Representative Races</i>	
1 st Representative	
Aaron Ortiz (i)	B-
2 nd Representative	
Elizabeth Hernandez (i)	B+
3 rd Representative	
Eva Dina Delgado (i)	B+
4 th Representative	
Lilian Jimenez (i)	NR
Kirk Ortiz	NR
5 th Representative	
Kimberly du Buclet (i)	NR
Andre Smith	NR
6 th Representative	
Sonya Marie Harper (i)	B-

Joseph Williams	NR	23 rd Representative	
7 th Representative		Edgar Gonzalez Jr. (i)	B-
Emanuel “Chris” Welch (i)	A+	Joseph Mercado	NR
8 th Representative		24 th Representative	
La Shawn Ford (i)	B+	Theresa Mah (i)	B+
9 th Representative		Lai Ching Ng	NR
Yolanda Morris (i)	NR	25 th Representative	
10 th Representative		Curtis Tarver II (i)	B-
Jawaharial Williams (i)	C		
11 th Representative		Democrat Party:	
Ann Williams (i)	B	26 th Representative	
12 th Representative		Kam Buckner (i)	C
Margaret Croke (i)	C+	27 th Representative	
13 th Representative		Justin Slaughter (i)	B-
Hoan Huynh (i)	B	Tawana Robinson	NR
		28 th Representative	
14 th Representative		Robert Rita (i)	A
Kelly Cassidy (i)	A	Paris Walker Thomas	NR
15 th Representative		29 th Representative	
Michael Kelly (i)	B	Thaddeus Jones (i)	A
16 th Representative		Gloria White	NR
Faye Abushaban	NR	30 th Representative	
Kevin Olickal (i)	B-	William Davis (i)	B+
17 th Representative		31 st Representative	
Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (i)	C+	Michael Crawford	NR
18 th Representative		Mary Flowers (i)	B
Robyn Gabel (i)	B	Mark Hamberlin	NR
19 th Representative		32 nd Representative	
Lindsey LaPointe (i)	B+	Lisa Davis	NR
21 st Representative		Cyril Nichols	C+
Matthew Synowiecki	NR	33 rd Representative	
Abdelnasser Rashid (i)	C	Marcus Evans Jr. (i)	A
Vidal Vazquez	NR	34 th Representative	
22 nd Representative		Nicolas Smith (i)	C+
Joshua Hernandez	NR	35 th Representative	
Angelica Guerrero-Cueelar (i)	B-	David Dewar	NR
John Topps	NR	Mary Gill (i)	NR

36 th Representative		53 rd Representative	
Sonia Anne Khalil	NR	Mark Walker (i)	C-
Rick Ryan	NR	54 th Representative	
37 th Representative		Mary Beth Canty (i)	C+
August O,Neill Deuser	NR	55 th Representative	
38 th Representative		Martin Moylan (i)	A
Debbie Meyers-Martin (i)	B-	56 th Representative	
39 th Representative		Michelle Mussman (i)	B
Will Guzzardi (i)	C+	57 th Representative	
40 th Representative		Tracy Katz Muhl	C
Jaime Andrade Jr. (i)	A+	58 th Representative	
41 st Representative		Brian McCaslin	NR
Janet Rohr Yang (i)	C-	Bob Morgan	C+
42 nd Representative		59 th Representative	
Terra Costa Howard (i)	B	Daniel Didech (i)	C+
43 rd Representative		60 th Representative	
Anna Moeller (i)	A-	Rita Mayfield (i)	A
44 th Representative		61 st Representative	
Fred Crespo (i)	A-	Joyce Mason (i)	C+
45 th Representative		62 nd Representative	
Martha “Marti” Deuter	NR	Laura Dias Javer (i)	NR
46 th Representative		63 rd Representative	
Diane Blair-Sherlock (i)	B-	Mary Mahady	NR
47 th Representative		64 th Representative	
Jackie Williamson	NR	Tom Weber (i)	A
48 th Representative		65 th Representative	
Maria Vesey	NR	Linda Robertson	NR
49 th Representative		66 th Representative	
Maura Hirschauer (i)	C	Suzanne Ness (i)	B-
50 th Representative		67 th Representative	
Barbara Hernandez (i)	B-	Maurice West II (i)	B-
51 st Representative		68 th Representative	
Nabeela Syed (i)	B	Dave Vella (i)	B
		69 th Representative	
Democrat Party:		Peter Janko	NR
52 nd Representative		70 th Representative	
Maria Peterson	C	Randi Olson	NR

72 nd Representative		88 th Representative	
Gregg Johnson (i)	C+	Chuck Erickson	NR
74 th Representative		91 st Representative	
David Simpson	NR	Sharon Chung (i)	C+
75 th Representative		92 nd Representative	
Heidi Henry	NR	Jehan Gordon-Booth (i)	A
76 th Representative		95 th Representative	
Cohen Barnes	NR	Kristen Chiaro	NR
Amy “Murri” Briel	NR	96 th Representative	
Carolyn “Morris” Zasada	NR	Sue Scherer (i)	C-
77 th Representative		97 th Representative	
Norma Hernandez (i)	C+	Harry Benton (i)	B-
78 th Representative		98 th Representative	
Camille Lilly (i)	A	Natalie Manley (i)	A
79 th Representative		103 rd Representative	
Robert Ellington-Snipes	NR	Carol Ammons	C-
Larry Kerkstra	NR	104 th Representative	
Dylan Mill	NR	Jarrett Clem	NR
William Morgan	NR	105 th Representative	
Genevra Walters	NR	Morgan Phillips	NR
Democrat Party:		111 th Representative	
80 th Representative		Nick Raftopoulos	NR
Anthony DeLuca (i)	A	112 th Representative	
81 st Representative		Katie Stuart (i)	B+
Anne Stava-Murray (i)	C+	113 th Representative	
82 nd Representative		Jay Hoffman (i)	A+
Suzanne Akhras	NR	Jamil McKinney	NR
83 rd Representative		114 th Representative	
Arad Boxenbaum	NR	LaToya Greenwood	C+
Matt Hanson (i)	C+		
84 th Representative		Republican Party:	
Stephanie Kifowit (i)	A+	<i>Senate races;</i>	
85 th Representative		4 th Senate	
Dagmara Avelar (i)	B	Robert Sumrell	NR
86 th Representative		10 th Senate	
Lawrence Walsh Jr. (i)	A	Jon Luers	NR

19 th Senate		<i>Representative races;</i>	
Samantha Gasca	NR	2 nd Representative	
Hillary Mattsey	NR	Laura Hruska	NR
Max Solomon	NR	5 th Representative	
20 th Senate		Al Rasho	NR
Jason Proctor	NR	6 th Representative	
25 th Senate		Sean Dwyer	NR
Heather Brown	NR	15 th Representative	
Republican Party:		Mark Albers	NR
34 th Senate		17 th Representative	
Juan Reyes	NR	Jim Geldermann	NR
Crystal Villareal	NR	18 th Representative	
37 th Senate		Charles Hutchinson	NR
Li Arellano, Jr.	C+	20 th Representative	
Chris Bishop	C+	Brad Stephens (i)	B-
Tim Yager	NR	23 rd Representative	
40 th Senate		Lupe Castillo	NR
Philip Nagel	NR	24 th Representative	
43 rd Senate		Natalian Bolton	NR
Jennifer Monson	NR	26 th Representative	
46 th Senate		Audrey Barrett	NR
Sally Owens	NR	30 th Representative	
49 th Senate		Patricia Bonk	NR
Katie Deane-Schottman	NR	34 th Representative	
52 nd Senate		Fredrick Walls	NR
Jeff Brownfield	NR	35 th Representative	
53 rd Senate		Herbert Hebein	NR
Chris Balkema	C+	36 th Representative	
Jesse Faber	NR	Christine Shanahan McGovern	NR
Mike Kirkton	NR		
Susan Wynn Bence	NR	Republican Party:	
55 th Senate		37 th Representative	
Jason Plummer (i)	A+	August O'Neill Deuser	NR
58 th Senate		Tim Ozinga (i)	D
Terri Bryant (i)	A+	38 th Representative	
Kash Wesley	NR	Jensen Venskus	NR

39 th Representative		67 th Representative	
Anthony Curran	NR	Glen Oland	NR
40 th Representative		69 th Representative	
Patrycja Karlin	NR	Joe Sosnowski (i)	<i>A</i>
43 rd Representative		70 th Representative	
Donald Puckett	NR	Jeff Keicher (i)	<i>B+</i>
45 th Representative		71 st Representative	
Dennis Reboletti	<i>A</i>	Dan Swanson (i)	<i>A+</i>
46 th Representative		72 nd Representative	
Robert “Rusty” Stevens	NR	Charlie Helmick	NR
47 th Representative		73 rd Representative	
Amy Grant (i)	<i>B+</i>	Ryan Spain (i)	<i>A+</i>
48 th Representative		74 th Representative	
Jennifer Sanalitra (i)	<i>B+</i>	Bradley Fritts (i)	<i>B+</i>
49 th Representative		75 th Representative	
Hannah Billingsley	NR	Jed Davis (i)	<i>B-</i>
Aris Garcia	C	76 th Representative	
51 st Representative		Liz Bishop	<i>C+</i>
Tosi Ufodike	NR	Crystal Loughran	NR
52 nd Representative		Republican Party:	
Martin McLaughlin (i)	<i>B</i>	77 th Representative	
54 th Representative		Anthony Airdo	NR
Michelle Hunter	NR	79 th Representative	
58 th Representative		Jackie Hass (i)	<i>B</i>
Carl Lambrecht	NR	80 th Representative	
59 th Representative		Adam Beaty	NR
Chris Henning	NR	81 st Representative	
61 st Representative		Aaron Porter	NR
James Mitchell Jr.	NR	82 nd Representative	
63 rd Representative		La Ha Nicole	NR
Steven Reick (i)	<i>B+</i>	85 th Representative	
64 th Representative		Chris Metcalfe	NR
Tom Weber (i)	<i>A</i>	86 th Representative	
65 th Representative		Jim Lanham	NR
Dan Ugaste (i)	<i>A</i>	87 th Representative	
66 th Representative		William Hauter (i)	<i>C+</i>
Laurie Parman	NR		

88 th Representative	
Regan Deering	C+
Chuck Erickson	NR
89 th Representative	
Tony McCombie (i)	A+
90 th Representative	
John Cabello (i)	A
91 st Representative	
Desi Anderson	NR
93 rd Representative	
Travis Weaver (i)	B-
94 th Representative	
Norine Hammond (i)	A+
95 th Representative	
Michael Coffey Jr. (i)	C+
96 th Representative	
Lisa Smith	C
97 th Representative	
Gabby Shanahan	NR
99 th Representative	
Kyle Moore	NR
Eric Snellgrove	NR
100 th Representative	
Christopher Davidsmeyer (i)	A+
101 st Representative	
Chris Miller (i)	A
102 nd Representative	
Adam Niemerg (i)	B+
104 th Representative	
Brandun Schweizer	NR
105 th Representative	
Donald Rients	NR
Dennis Tipsword (i)	B-
106 th Representative	
Jason Bunting (i)	B+

107 th Representative	
Brad Halbhook (i)	A
Marsha Webb	D
108 th Representative	
Wayne Rosenthal (i)	C+
109 th Representative	
Charles Meier (i)	A
Republican Party:	
110 th Representative	
Matthew Hall	NR
Blain Wilhour (i)	B
111 th Representative	
Amy Elik (i)	A
114 th Representative	
Kevin Schmidt (i)	C+
115 th Representative	
David Friess (i)	B-
116 th Representative	
Angela Evans	N
Dave Severin (i)	A+
117 th Representative	
Patrick Windhorst (i)	A
118 th Representative	
Paul Jacobs (i)	B+

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