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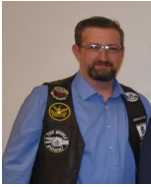
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LEGISLATIVE
 By Josh "SKI" Witkowski

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

ABATE of Illinois State Calendar for 2024

(Subject to Change)



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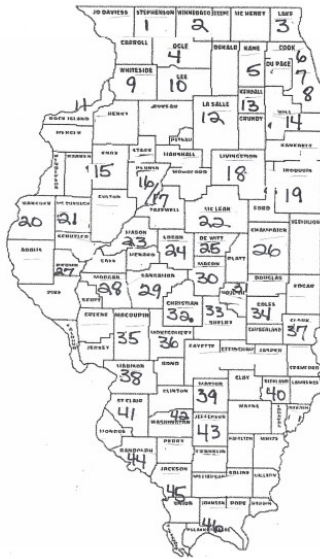


DATE	EVENT
April 17	Legislative Day
April 27	E-Board and BOD meeting
April 28	Swap Meet (Springfield – Orr Building)
May 5	Freedom Rally
June 15	E-Board and BOD meeting
June 20-23	State Party
August 17	E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations)
September 1st	Bike Raffle Drawing
September 21	E-Board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

TBD=to be determined



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MEMBER
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Northwest Region Chapters

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

West Central Region Chapters

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

Southwest Region

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

Northeast Region Chapters

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

East Central Region Chapters

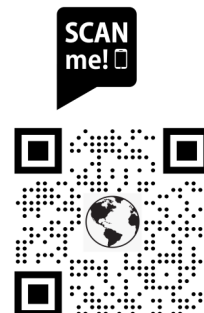
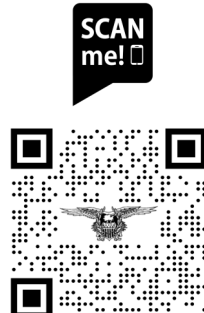
- Eastern Illinois-26
- Embarras Valley-31
- Heart of Illinois-22
- Heartland-18*Closed as of 02/2023*
- Liberty-34
- Mid-State-32
- Old River-33 *Closed as of 2/2024*
- Prairieland-30
- Salt Creek-24
- State Line Riders-19
- Ten Mile Creek-25

Southeast Region Chapters

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

What is ABATE?

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





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

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State
Coordinator

Hi again A.B.A.T.E.

Well, I hope you enjoyed this year's Seminar. After talking with Scotty there will be a few changes next year on issues listed on the score sheets that were turned in. I have asked him to look into them and give us ways to fix the few issues that were brought up. Hope we see you there next year.

Ok spring isn't that far away, and this warm weather is giving me the urge to break out my ride and hit the road. So, I will give you my check list again this year before you jump on your ride and take off. Check your tires for air pressure, rot, wear, and overall condition. Now would be a good time for new things if needed. Remove your seat and look at your wiring system for chewed places or bad connections, check your battery connections for corrosion. Check how old your battery is. Check your lights. Put fresh fuel in the tank to offset the old gas in the tank. Check your fluids oil, liquids in some bikes. Check your belts or chain if you have one. In short give it a good once over and then do it again.

Start off easy till you get the feel for the road again and watch out for the grand canyons this state calls potholes. There are some bad ones out there. Watch out in the mornings for slick spots from the cold nights and don't forget the deer are still moving early and late.

I look forward to seeing all of you out there this year on the road, at events and hopefully at some of your meetings. Till then ride safe and as always thank you for being a part of A.B.A.T.E.

Your state coordinator
Bob (Mouse) Ellinger



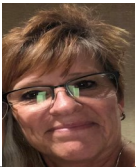
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Safety and Ed
Coordinator

St Patrick's Month

This month brings lots of green, Corn Beef & Cabbage and lots of St. Patrick's Day Parades and maybe a little extra luck for you all. Parades are fun to ride in. Many Members join in and show our Motorcycles in Support of ABATE Of Illinois. Use Safety Precautions and Protocols in your group to make it a safe and fun ride and let's not forget about the safety of other parade goers and spectators. Our State Seminar in January was a great time and very educational as every year brings.

Our Safety & Education Breakout Session was a Full House! Vivian and I worked off the backs of one another to fill the class with enthusiasm and made it as educational as we could. This shows that having two Presenters in School Presentations makes

it much easier, especially if you have multiple classes the day of your presentations. Some Coordinators prefer to go solo... I'm excited to say that we now have many members stepping up to do their Safety & Education Presentations throughout our state! This was our Ultimate Goal after the Seminar. Thank you for coming to our Breakout Session!

Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities as of 02/16/2024 = 3.

I'll Update this number every Friday on my Facebook Page. Hopefully the number will not rise..

Tell your Friends, Family and Strangers to Look, Listen, and See Motorcycles Year Round. RIDE SAFE! John "Fireball" Anderson Safety & Education safety@abate-il.org 217-725-4509



Newsletter
Coordinator

Articles due March 9th, 2024 for the April 2024 online issue of the newsletter. Thank you to the Chapters that submit articles and keeps us updated with the news and events around the state. You are welcome to send photos and I will post if there is room, please limit the number if photos on printed issues. *Supporting business letter upon request.*

Sonya Link,

ABATE of Illinois Newsletter Coordinator.

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Activities
Coordinator

We have a lot of events coming your way as you see the calendars on Facebook and the newsletter which they've done a great job of correlating you can almost pick your poison for the weekend there's something almost every weekend. I was up to the heart of Illinois bags tournament. That was a great time, a lot of fun, the event went off great... kudos to the planners, I did see at least five chapters there which was nice to have the camaraderie.

We have legislative day coming up April 17th which I'm sure that Ski will touch on at Floyd's and the capital, on April 28th we have our swap meet and Bike Show, over at the Orr building... we're still looking for vendors and would love to see all your faces there we have a great day planned for you!!! special thanks to Todd, he'll be doing our DJ again.

Then we would also like to bring your attention to the freedom ride which is May 5th however leading up to that Lincoln Land is holding the Freedom Fest which brings a whole weekend of fun into Sangamon County hopefully you'll all come out and camp with us and be there for the weekend. There's lots of local events also to please try to support we're gearing up for our annual summer State Party this year our theme will be hippie fest kind of a mini-Woodstock thing. Boho seems to be very interested. We are looking at the band line up now, everything else is in place. One thing added this year is Ben is putting burn-out pits and more electrical to accommodate us we have been very grateful for all Menard County has done for us it seems to be a very good relationship.

Remember to send your events in if there's something you'd really like to see my face at let me know I hope you all have great events this year that bring lots of new interests to our wonderful organization. Hugs, Sharilyn

ABATE OF ILLINOIS

Future of ABATE Committee

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ALL GENERATIONS WELCOME

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



State
Secretary

Happy Spring Everyone,
Our February 17, 2024, meeting was a good meeting with 35 Chapters present. We unfortunately lost 2 chapters at the beginning of 2024. Old River and Windy city have closed.

The BOD passed the following motions:
BOD2024-001. Motion to change the legislative agenda and allow Josh Witkowski to work with Harley Davidson. No opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2024-002 Motion to add Andy Toennies to the ABATE PAC as a Southwest Trustee. No opposed. Motion passed.

The March 16, 2024, Executive Board meeting has been cancelled.

The next meetings are April 27, 2024 at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center.

Executive Board meets at 10:30

Board of Directors at 1:00 pm.

This will be the day before the Swap meet at the Fairgrounds.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Ride Safe

Teri Smith

Secretary

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

Section 6. Attendance.

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

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

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

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

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By-Law Change Proposal:

ARTICLE 6 – POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PACs)

Section 1. Formation.

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

Section 2. State Political Action Committee.

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

Change to read as follows:

Section 2. State Political Action Committee.

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

Section 3. Federal Political Action Committee.

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

Change to read as follows:

Section 3. Federal Political Action Committee.

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

Section 4. Responsibilities.

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

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

Change to read as follows:

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

Section 5. Positions.

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

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

Change to read as follows:

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

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

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

PAC trustees are not automatically officers of the corporation or members of the Executive or Board of Directors.

Officers of the Corporation may hold a position on a PAC, except for the State Legislative Coordinator.

Rational for Proposal:

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

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



Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois!

What great weather we've had for riding! It may be March, but getting to put miles on the way we did in February was incredible. One of the downsides to this is that we're already at 3 motorcyclist fatalities in 2024. It is BEYOND important to be out in your communities letting them know that we are on the roads and to watch for motorcycles.

We're a month away from two big events for ABATE of Illinois. On April 17th it's ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day. We'll kick the day off at 8:30am at Floyd's Thirst Parlor in Springfield holding a meeting with Ski going over the day's plans. At 10:00am we'll head to the Capitol and speak with our Elected Officials about motorcyclists' rights. Then we'll meet back at Floyd's Thirst Parlor at 5:30pm for our Evening Reception. It's going to be a great day of motorcyclist camaraderie and getting work done for motorcyclists in Illinois. Head to <https://www.abate-il.org/Legislative-Day-2024> and get registered to attend. Thank you to Shoal Creek ABATE and Central Illinois ABATE for being great sponsors of this event, and to XLN Services for being a great supporter. Then, on April 28th it's the ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show happening at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in the ORR Building. Early bird admission starts at 8:00am and general admission starts at 10:00am. Todd Farthing II will be rocking the tunes and you'll be able to get all those hard-to-find motorcycle parts you've been looking for. Be sure to enter your motorcycles in the Motorcycle Show for your chance to walk away with a trophy and bragging rights. Big thanks go out to ABATE Legal, Law Tigers, and Hupy & Abraham for being great supporters of this event. You can find all the information at <https://www.abate-il.org/event-5571150>.

It's time to get those yard signs back out! Put them up all over your communities and let people know to watch out for motorcycles on the road. If you need more signs, please contact ABATE of Illinois Secretary Teri Smith at secretary@abate-il.org and let her know how many you need. They can be picked up at the BOD Meetings.

As you all have heard by now, Illinois State Representative Daniel Didech has filed HB5620 which would make helmets mandatory for motorcycle riders and passengers of all riders in Illinois. ABATE of Illinois has always held the position that it should be a rider's choice on what protective gear they want to wear, NOT the Governments. Stay tuned for updates from Ski via e-mail and social media on any actions needed. ABATE of Illinois will continue to make it known that we will not stand by while an Elected Official attempts to take away your rights and freedoms.

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

ABATE of Illinois BOD/EBOD Meetings on March 16th

Heartland STEAM on April 12th – 13th

ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day on April 17th

ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet on April 28th

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

MRF Meeting of the Minds on September 26th – 29th

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

Text or email me any time.

Happy first Day of Spring on March 19th.

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

ABATE of Illinois Public Relations Coordinator

630-618-7551

PR@abate-il.org



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday
March 16, 2024

EBOD - 10:30am

Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center
625 E. St. Joseph St Springfield, IL
62703

State Representative Dan Didech is trying to take away your right to choose.

He has introduced HB5620, which would require motorcyclists to wear a helmet. It's time to tell him **NO!**

Motorcycle Riders Foundation
 15TH ANNUAL MICHAEL "BOZ" KERR
Bikers Inside the Beltway
 NATIONAL MOTORCYCLISTS' LOBBY DAY
Flexible & Moving Forward!
 May 20 & 21, 2024

Since 1987, the MRF has been the only national motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to on-street riders with full-time representation in Washington, DC! — Ride with the Leaders!

Pre-event briefing: May 20, 2024 • Event: May 21, 2024
 Pre-register (FREE) at www.mrf.org (cut-off May 15)

MAKE YOUR CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS NOW!
 Embassy Suites, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, Virginia, 703-684-5900, \$260 per night, incl. breakfast (cut-off April 22). Room block is limited so reserve yours today! For room reservations call (800) 362-2779 and reference group code, "MRF"

Sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation | www.mrf.org | 202-546-0983

40th ANNUAL Meeting of the Minds
 St. Louis, Missouri
 September 26-29, 2024
 Hosted by Freedom Of Road Riders Missouri

SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024
ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Saint Louis, MO 63134-3307
 Hotel direct line 314-429-1100. Mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation for conference room rates (deadline Sept. 4, 2024).
 Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612
 Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 4, 2024): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)
 Registration rate after Sept. 4, 2024: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)
 Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.
 Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

**Get ready for the party
of the summer!**



Details Coming Soon

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A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota

34th Annual Heartland STEAM
A Seminar to Educate and Motivate
April 12-13, 2024

Best Western Ramkota – Sioux Falls, SD

3200 W. Maple Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
#605-336-0650

Ask for the MRF/Heartland STEAM
block of rooms - \$139.99 per night
www.SiouxFalls.BWRamkota.com

Join members of motorcycle rights groups from South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa as we discuss information and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building and strengthening their organizations.

**Heartland STEAM is a fundraiser for the
M.R.F. - Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

Name: _____
 ABATE/SMRO: _____
 Postal Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mail in Registration with check or money order payable to - **ABATE of South Dakota.**
 _____ \$50.00 on or before March 11th, 2024 _____ \$60.00 fee after March 11th, 2024

T-shirt is not included in registration price. Please complete the following if interested.

T-shirt size _____ T-shirt color (circle one) Black or Grey T-shirt \$20.00 extra

Mail to - **ABATE of South Dakota**
2605 Kingston Dr
Sioux Falls SD 57107

Questions and Credit Card Registration - call #605-201-1748 or email TG912@sio.midco.net

ABATE of Illinois and ABATE Legal Services Scholarship



ABATE of Illinois and ABATE Legal Services are proud to partner together to offer a scholarship for ABATE family members.

One \$2,500.00 scholarship will be awarded yearly to any ABATE of Illinois member, dependent or grandchild to be used for college or trade school education.

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

PO Box 526
Avon, IL 61415-0526

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

Email: office@abate-il.org

A.B.A.T.E of Illinois



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:

ABATE of Illinois – PO Box 526 – Avon, IL 61415

Vendor Set-Up..... 1pm – 6pm Saturday and 6am-8am Sunday
 Open to the Public.....Sunday 8am to 3:30pm
 10' x 10' space.....\$50 advance - \$60 at the door
 Tables.....\$5.00 Chairs.....\$2.00
 Booth rental includes two adult admissions. **Vendors must stay until 3:30pm**
Vendor Spots Not Held Unless Paid For

Public Admission \$7.00 adults, under 12 Free (with a paid adult)
 Early Bird Admission 8am – 10am \$10.00

For more information: contact the office at 1-800-87-ABATE

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Email: _____

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Type of Business: _____

Electricity: ___ Yes ___ No No# of Tables _____ No# of Chairs _____

Amount \$ _____ Check Enclosed _____ Charge to: ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Discover

Card No _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC _____

Signature _____

(There is a convenience fee for taking credit cards)

All Proceeds go to ABATE of Illinois
for the preservation of Motorcyclists Rights



A.B.A.T.E.



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LEGISLATIVE DAY

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 17, 2024**

**ARRIVE AT FLOYD'S
THIRST PARLOR FROM
8-9:30AM**

**ENTER THE STATE
CAPITOL AT 10:00AM
TO SPEAK WITH
LEGISLATORS**

**LEGISLATIVE
RECEPTION AT
FLOYD'S AT 5:30PM**



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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

This past month I was once again invited to make a presentation at POSSE on behalf of ABATE of Illinois.

The meeting was held at the Wauconda American Legion on Sunday February 4th. Wayne

Kirkpatrick is

the group's organizer and consists of motorcycle club and chapter directors from the primarily the north, northwest, and west suburbs of Chicago. Over fifty groups are represented including Rolling Thunder, the Second Brigade, HOG and Indian Chapters, Blue Knights, the CMA, Widows Sons, several MC's, and Social Riding groups. DuKane and Northern Illinois Chapters belong to POSSE.

Posse's purpose over the last 10-15 years has been the sharing of ideas to grow membership in our groups, promote safety in group rides and to promote each other's rides and events without conflicting.

Prior to my becoming NE Region Coordinator, Wally, Judy and John B. from the DuKane Chapter had been making presentations on legislative happenings in Springfield. This year the Motorcycle Riders

Foundation was invited to speak on what has occurred in Washington, DC affecting motorcyclists.

After the roughly two and a half hour meeting, several ABATE and MRF membership applications were taken by attendees. The MRF also asked attendees to take the Motorcyclist Profiling Survey available by scanning a QR code on one's cell phone. Further, I have been invited to address the Lake in the Hills

American Legion Riders group and set up an ABATE table at the local Veteran's Path to Hope Ride later this year. As a representative of ABATE of Illinois, I hope to continue what has become a very productive and worthwhile relationship with POSSE. My hope is that other regions have this type of meeting that benefits all participants. If not...set one up!

Upcoming Northeast Region Events:

Dukane Chapter- 7 th Annual Bowling Classic, Sunday March 17 th , 1 PM, Bowlero, Glendale Heights.

Will County Chapter- Winter Triathlon, Sunday March 10 th, 11 AM, Zelmo's Full Moon, Joliet.

Pool, darts, bags, and pizza.

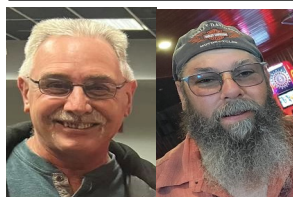


NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB CARROLL

Hi Northwest, Region! For those who weren't at the seminar you missed a fun and informative weekend. The hospitality suite, breakout sessions and opening ceremony were awesome. Our Chili Shoot Out on Feb. 3rd turned out great. We had over 70 people and the chilis were very tasty. I would like to thank everyone that came, the businesses and individuals who donated items to the silent and live auction and the bake sale. The winner of the mild chili was Josh Brandenburg, Thunder Rock, 2nd. Kevin Baumgartner, Twin River and Linda Brandt, Starved Rock. The winner of the hot chili was Odie, Twin River, 2nd Kurt Husen,

Kishwaukee Valley and 3rd place Nora Kleckner, Starved Rock. Dan Bragg, Freeport won the People's Choice Award. Chapters, please put your meeting dates and place plus your events not only on your Facebook page but also please on the Northwest Region Facebook page. April 17 is Legislative Day in Springfield. If you have never attended, I highly recommend it. Not only do you see the Capital Building you also meet your Representatives.

Ride safe Bob Carroll



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

Greetings all EC region chapters. Hopefully everyone is making it through the cold winter but as of this writing things are starting to warm up and hopefully spring is just around the corner. in the meantime, now is a good time to get any maintenance done on your bikes to be ready when riding season gets here. I want to thank all the chapters for attending seminar this year and was great to see our region meeting attended by all chapters in the region and over 30 members in attendance, great job guys! We have lots of events coming up this year in our region and please try to support each other by attending other chapters of events. If you haven't done so already, please join our region page on Facebook at ABATE of Illinois-EC Region. Please post your upcoming events there and check out the events sections for upcoming events. don't forget it's an election year and primary voting is March 19th, so get out and vote and anyone who can attend legislative day on April 17th is strongly encouraged to attend.

Thanks Rick and Todd

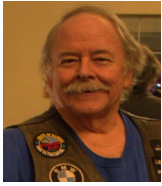
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

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



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

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



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOBBY STOUT

As I am writing this, the ABATE State Seminar is a week away. The temperature outside is below zero and it did not get over 10 degrees all day. Definitely not motorcycle weather. However, on January 1st a Bunch of riders from various area clubs and Motorcycle rights organizations (Rolling Thunder, Masonic Riders, a couple of different ABATE Chapters, and probably some other groups I have forgotten mention) braved the cold and rode to Greenup Illinois for lunch. I don't believe it was actually a sponsored run or "put on" by anyone, just someone told a friend "I am riding there that day" and the word got passed around. There were at least 15 bikes there and the whole back room of the place was full of people. I know 15 is not really a LOT of bikes but for 30-degree weather that is a pretty good turnout.

Also, I have a thought.... On April 8th, 2024, a "Total Solar Eclipse" will be crossing the United States and the "path of totality" will cross the Southeastern part of Illinois. To some folks this is a big deal as a total solar eclipse only happens every few years and it has been a few decades since a total solar eclipse occurred in the United States (the eclipse that occurred a couple years ago was an annular eclipse... the sun was not completely covered). This in itself doesn't have anything to do with motorcycle education or rights but some of the towns in the Southeast region will be holding solar eclipse gatherings or festivals. I don't know how to do it but a gathering or festival that is being held during the first part of April seems like a good time and place for a chapter to do something for motorcycle awareness or to sell some ABATE Bike raffle tickets. If you have any thoughts or Ideas about this, I can be reached at my ABATE email: southeast@abate-il.org Robert "Bobby" Stout



Ask Our Lawyer
By Rod Taylor
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POTHOLE.... WORSE THAN ASS-HOLES.

It's pothole season, again. We've covered this a lot but given the gravity of potholes with respect to motorcycles, it's worth it to go over it again. The best thing you can do to make the road safer for everyone is to report bad potholes whenever you see them, ideally, before you or someone else hits them and damages a bike, tire, or worse, is injured. If you see a particularly bad pothole, if it's safe for you to do so, you should pull over and take pictures of it. Even better if you have a measuring tape to report the size and depth of the pothole in the picture. When you report all of this information and evidence to the responsible governmental entity, it puts them on notice to fix it. And when you include information and pictures as to the size, it puts them on notice as to the degree of the hazard, making the worse potholes more urgent to fix.

The ideal situation is to report bad potholes prior to an accident or injury, which requires early and consistent reporting of the pothole to authorities. However, we all know these don't always get fixed after being reported, but in the unfortunate situation where there is an accident due to a pothole, this information is still good to have for purposes of pursuing recovery against the responsible entity.

Several years ago, we handled a horrible situation involving a pothole. The potholes were so deep and plentiful on a particular stretch of I-70 that the impact bent the frame of the motorcycle. The motorcyclist did everything right, but due to the bent frame, there was no way for him to regain control of the motorcycle resulting in a fatal accident. It is not too often that people successfully recover against a governmental entity for injuries and damages caused by potholes, but in this situation, we sued the state and won a recovery for his wife and young child. Part of what made our recovery possible was the sheer number of complaints that people had reported regarding this particular stretch of I-70.

There was also the fellow motorcyclist who met our client at a rest stop prior to the accident, they decided to ride together, and so the fellow motorcyclist was riding on the inside of the lane just a little in front of our client when he went down. Since this motorcyclist was riding in front of our client, he didn't know about the accident until he saw it on the news later. He then decided to write an unsolicited letter to our client's widow right after the accident telling her that while he did not see the accident, that her husband was riding right behind him, was going

the speed limit, was doing everything right, and he wanted to make sure that she knew that they were riding together, so her husband was not alone. This fellow motorcyclist's account of their speed was also important in this case as it helped prove our client was truly doing everything right, following the speed limit, and riding safely.

So, when you report a pothole, it matters. These reports help make our roads safer and provide justice to those impacted by unsafe road conditions. -by ABATE LEGAL - Attorney Hilary Barnes

WHY DID ABATE START ITS OWN LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM?

A. As we all know, the ABATE Legal Services Plan was established to provide its members access to lawyers who are experienced in motorcycle-related rights and well-regarded in the legal community. The cornerstone of this plan is to provide Members with a discounted rate on most contingency fee cases and better services. Many lawyers are charging at least 33 1/3% with a proviso that the fee could increase to 40%, and with an appeal up to 50%. ABATE stopped all of that to assist its members. It is another value to membership in ABATE.

Some members have gone to non-ABATE lawyers who charge more than the current ABATE plan allows. In the past, our members have seen an ad in other ABATE publications and assume they are getting the best rate and good ABATE lawyers – wrong. Those lawyers almost always charge more. That fact, along with lawyer lien rights, played a prominent role to the disadvantage of an ABATE member who lost her leg in a motorcycle accident. Remember, lawyers belong to the best union in the country (it is called the supreme court) and their fees are well protected. This ABATE member had mistakenly hired the "other lawyers" and then quickly fired them when she discovered she had been misled by an ad in a local ABATE publication. She then hired ABATE lawyers (who finalized her case), but her previous non-ABATE lawyers claimed a lien [even though they did little work] on the settlement proceeds. The end result was the real ABATE lawyers waived their fee, but the other lawyer had to be sued to get his fee reduced.

That ad cost her a lot of money [thousands of dollars] which should have been in her pocket. She could have used that money for a state of the art prosthesis which would have made a difference in her life.

It is no coincidence that the ABATE organizations which are the best in this country have their own LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM which are OWNED AND CONTROLLED by that ABATE organization for ABATE MEMBERS and their families. That way, those lawyers are accountable times ten.

WHY SHOULD I EVER GO THRU MY INSURANCE COMPANY TO REPAIR MY BIKE WHEN THE OTHER SIDE IS AT FAULT?

Q. The little old lady with blue hair backs over your motorcycle in a parking lot and causes significant damage. She doesn't know what happened. Here is the question. "Do you turn the claim for repair over to your motorcycle insurance company if you have collision coverage, or do you try to get the lady's insurance company to pay? Good question.

A. Since you are not responsible for the damage – she is – you have some choices if you have collision coverage for your motorcycle. So the first thing is to confirm that you have collision coverage on your bike. If you do, your choice is easy. Turn the claim over to your insurance company. Why, you ask? Since the little old lady caused the damage and it is her fault, some believe that they should make the lady's insurance company pay and leave your insurance company out of it. Wrong. You hired your insurance company to take care of you. Let them.

Here are the advantages of having your insurance company pay, especially during riding season:

1. Most of the time your insurance company has an immediate obligation to pay. Otherwise if you turn the claim over to the other insurance company you have to wait for that company to investigate and determine liability. Then that company has to estimate the damage all of which takes time - your riding time. And good luck getting the adverse to rent you a motorcycle while yours is getting fixed.
2. Your insurance company is on your side and has a duty to treat you more fairly than the other guy's insurance company.
3. Your rates will not go up if you go through your insurance company. Some will tell you to the contrary but they are wrong.
4. The only disadvantage of going through your insurance company is if you have a deductible, you may have to pay that amount before the body shop will let you have your motorcycle, but you can collect your deductible from the other side.

Some states only require \$10,000 of property damage coverage so if your damage and your insurance coverage is more, definitely go through your company.

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2 Here are the disadvantages of going against your insurance company:

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1. As said above, you may have to pay the deductible amount to the repair shop before they will let you have your bike, but your insurance company will collect the amount of damage it is owed and your deductible from the lady's insurance company and will send the deductible to you.

You may not be able to collect amounts for the rental of another motorcycle from your insurance company - more about that

later.

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2 Here are the disadvantages of going against the other insurance company:

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1. Takes time. They have to investigate your claim and determine liability.

2. They may send you to "special estimating" facilities. They have no duty of loyalty. They are the opposing side.

RIDER BEWARE - ROADHAZARD.ORG'S GUIDE TO DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS

Each year since 1990 there have been more than 10,000,000 (ten million) crashes in the United States. While distracted driving and driver error account for a majority of these incidents, poorly designed and maintained intersections add to the problem. Each month we will be highlighting these dangerous intersections from around the country based on fatalities and injuries and recommend you proceed through them with caution, or avoid altogether:

Indianapolis, Indiana - E. 38th St. & N. Keystone Ave.

Chicago, Illinois - Stony Island Ave., 79th St. & South Chicago (six-way intersection)

Columbus, Ohio - Cleveland Avenue & Morse Road

Email us dangerous intersections in your area (brianshadiow@abatelegal.com) so that we can spread the news to get them improved and help us all ride safer.

Ride Safe.

Rod Taylor

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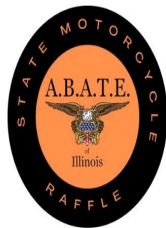
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2024 Raffle Tickets are now Available



The Grand Prize is a 2023 Harley-Davidson Street Glide

Second Prize is a 2023 CFMoto CForce 500



**2024 ABATE OF ILLINOIS STATE RAFFLE
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2024 Bike Raffle Locations

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

Date	City	Location	Event
April 13, 2024	Martinsville	Moonshine Store	Lunch Run
April 14, 2024	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	TBL Motorcycle Swap Meet
April 28, 2024	Springfield	Fairgrounds – Orr Building	ABATE Swap Meet
May 3-4, 2024	Fulton	Dutch Days	Fulton History Celebration
May 17-18, 2024	Sycamore	Speedway	Motorcycle Races
May 24-27, 2024	Langley	Psycho Silo	Memorial Day Weekend
May 31-June 2, 2024	Leaf River	Leaf River daze	ABATE Awareness
June 7-8, 2024	Darlington, WI	Lafayette County Fair	Canoe Festival, Beowulf MC Party
June 15, 2024	Marseilles	Downtown	Freedom Run
June 20-23, 2024	Lenark	Crooked Roof	Old Settlers Days
July 4, 2024	Stockton	Memorial Park	July 4 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

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

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

**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, 204
May 10-12, 2024
June 28-30, 2024
July 5-7, 2024
August 16-18, 2024**



NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport
Chapter

Welcome to spring? Well....maybe.

We made it through most of winter. We had our annual NW Region Chili Shootout. It was another successful event. There were 17 Freeport Chapter members in attendance. There were lots of great chili, both hot and mild, with all the trimmings, a silent auction, a live auction, and a bake sale. Thanks to everyone who donated items for the auctions, and to all the ladies (and maybe some men) who baked all the wonderful goodies for the bake sale and sat at the table to sell them, the judges of the chili, the 50/50 ticket sellers, the people at the sign in table, the people who helped setup, and the ones who helped clean up at the end. All your help is greatly appreciated. It takes a lot of people to put this on, and you all nailed it!

We had our annual Margarita Run, another fun event to get us through the winter, and we are planning events for the rest of the summer.

The February Burger run is on February 24th. We will be going to Big O's at 6 PM.

The March Burger Run is March 9th. We will be going to The Railway in Pecatonica at 6 PM.

The 1st event on the calendar is our Chapter's 38th Anniversary Party. It will be held at the Van Horn Farm in Pearl City on March 16th. Our Chapter awards will be handed out, and Member of the Year will be announced. Bring a dish to pass and your beverage of choice. Social hour is from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, Dinner and awards at 6:00 PM. There is no cost for this event, it is a celebration of our Chapter's accomplishments. Hope to see all of you there.

Our March Chapter meeting is the next day, March 17, at the Freeport Eagles Club, at 12:30 PM. Happy St. Patrick's Day. 2 big partying days in a row. I'll be resting on Monday for sure. Our Spring raffle will be drawn at the meeting as well. Please send your raffle tickets in to be entered, they must be received by March 15th to be entered into the drawing, or bring them to the meeting on the 17th.

The Mann-iac books should be ready at the March meeting also. 24 stops and all summer to do them. Card drawing will be at our October 20th Chapter meeting. The cost is \$15 per book. See Roger for a book, or come to a chapter meeting to get one.

Happy Easter March 31, 2024

April 17th is Legislative Day in Springfield. This is a great chance for you to meet your state representatives and senators. There will be a meeting at Floyd's Thirst Parlor starting at 8:00 AM. You will head to the capitol at 10:00 to meet with your legislators, and then a Legislative Reception at Floyd's Thirst Parlor at 5:30 PM. If you are interested in going get with Neal and he can answer any question you may have.

Our last indoor Chapter meeting before moving to Riviera Park for the summer will April 21st at the Eagles Club at 12:30 PM.

The ABATE of Illinois Awareness rally is usually the first Sunday of May which is the 5th. I have not been able to confirm this date though. We have plenty of time to do this. If that is the date is correct, we have a fun run the Saturday before. "The Run to the Capitol" is just an informal ride with one stop in Atlanta, IL.

May 11th is our Annual Memorial Run. This run honors all the members we have lost in Freeport ABATE. Sign in is from 11 AM to 12 Noon at Big O's. Coleen has put together a beautiful collage with pictures of most of the members we have lost. The cost is \$10. If you bring a new member with you and they sign up to join ABATE they will get to ride the run for free. This goes for all of our runs except the Mann-iac Run.

Kishwaukee Valley ABATE has an Awareness Parade. In the past it has started at Carlson Ice Arena in Machesney Park and goes down Perryville Road to Kegles Harley Davidson. This is a pretty impressive sight. All bikes are welcome, and as far as I know there is no charge. I will have more details later as to date and time.

I think that's all I have at this time.

Be safe out there,

Becky



Open
Roads
Chapter

OPEN ROADS ABATE

Spring is coming and so is riding season. The temperature has fluctuated between 50 and 60 degrees this week and several bikers are out and about. Getting wind therapy and looking for adventure. Don't forget that when you do get your bikes back on the road to do the "T Clock" Inspection.

Membership - Congrats to our members renewing their dues and welcome to our newest members – Debbie LeGro and Tammy Dahl. We need YOU to retain our many freedoms of riding. YOUR voice joins with OURS to make our voices heard. Benefits with your ABATE membership includes patches, legislative updates, \$3000 insurance policy, and a legal will (value \$300 to \$400) created by our Legal Team.

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.

Chapter Calendar –A Few 2024 Open Roads ABATE Calendars are available for only \$10 each. Call Linda on 630-552-3828 or Facebook to get a calendar.

2024 Summer Books – are ready for YOU to purchase for \$10 each. The book committee – Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Kevin & Patti Smith, Frank Lorang, Bill & Sally Kolb, Cliff and Linda Oleson with help from new member Debbie LeGro assembled over 400 books on January 28. Ralph Torres supplied the map. The book 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 were presented to ABATE of IL, Inc. for Safety and Ed and State PAC at State Seminar.

State Seminar, January 19 & 20 – Eight members attended this informative and fun event hosted by

ABATE of IL, Inc. Theme was "Back to the Basics of ABATE" – weekend filled with education, entertainment, guest speakers, fund raising, awards banquet, new and old friends, hospitality.

NW Region 17th Annual Chili Shootout, February 3 – great time in Dixon seeing our friends from the great NW Region. Yummy bake sale, 50/50, 17 varieties of chili, great auction items. Sam was THE AUCTIONEER and did a fantastic job, and sold 8 summer books. Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Fred Chaffer, Kevin & Patti Smith, Cliff & Linda Oleson enjoyed this event. Our new NW Region Coordinator, Bob Carroll, and his committee did an outstanding job. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

Axe Throwing with DuKane ABATE – A fun day is being planned with our friends from DuKane and Open Roads on Saturday, March 23 with Axe Throwing beginning at 1 pm at Bull and Bear Axe Throwing in Montgomery and then supper at Poor Boys. We'll see who is on target and hits the bull's eye.

Spring Train Fun Run – April 13, meet at Aurora Train Station on North Broadway Street in Aurora by 9:45 am. Get your train ticket and fun run ticket and board the train with Open Roads by 10:20 am. A fun day awaits you on the train fun run as you visit 3 places that offer great hospitality and the committee has several activities planned just for you.

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

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

Upcoming events include a joint event with DuKane ABATE regarding fatalities and awareness in the spring, group rides, Legislative Day, Train Fun Run, and more. Come to a meeting, event, check out our Facebook page or call Cliff (630) 552-3828 or Patti (815) 498-6025 if you have questions, events, updates, or suggestions. Be safe...Ride Safe.

Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity



Pictures:

Our Christmas Party was January 13 with 40+ guests and zero degree temps. Pictured are Sharyl & Sam Mataya, Linda Oleson, Patti Smith, Brian Smith, Cliff Oleson, Sally & Bill Kolb, NW Region Coordinator Bob Carroll, Diana Re-bechini, Tracey Supan, and Kevin Smith.



Open Roads members at our State Seminar Banner – Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Bill & Sally Kolb, Cliff & Linda Oleson, Patti & Kevin Smith.



Starved Rock Chapter

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

Starved Rock Chapter would like to welcome new members Lisa

Eisenberg from Mendota, Barbara Selenski from Ottawa, and Ben Day from Granville.

PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS: Your life is in danger when riding your motorcycle if a driverless vehicle is near you on the road! There are over 768,000 driverless vehicles in the USA! It's a **FACT** that driverless vehicles **DO NOT RECOGNIZE** motorcycle riders, 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!**

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

Twelve Chapter members went to the NW Region 17th Annual Chili Shoot Out on Feb 3rd at the VFW in Dixon. There was a silent auction, a live auction, and a bake sale which helped raise money for State PAC. Linda Brandt was awarded a trophy for 3rd place in the Mild Chili category and I won 3rd place in the **HOT** chili category! I'll have to go hotter next year!!

We had a meeting Sunday February 4th at Mendota Moose. There were 47 members and 5 guests present. Two guests signed up as Chapter members at the end of the meeting!

Door prizes went to Brian "Woodsy" Woods and Barbara Selenski. Jon Brandt won the membership drawing and donated \$87.00 to the chapter. Thanks Jon! Membership Officer Nancy Nelson is sending out renewals and reaching out to lapsed members. Please help get ABATE numbers up! Try to get 1 new person to join! If everyone in our chapter does that, ABATE of Illinois will gain 243 members! **We need to think of ways to attract new members or re-instate old members! ANY IDEAS ARE WELCOME!** Chapter President Don Jackson said he is still looking into getting Chapter flags that are the appropriate size for motor cycles. He is also working out details for the upcoming Queen of hearts drawing. More information to come. **Our chapter sponsors a Motocross competitor, Landon Brandt.** We presented him with a check to help with his expenses. Good luck in the coming season Landon!!

Raffle Ticket Results: 1st- Billy Pryde from LaSalle, 2nd - Mike Budach, 3rd - Derek Weber from Naperville, 4th - Victoria Nicholson from LaSalle, 5th - Darren Becker –from Seneca, 6th - James Butshack from Tucson, AZ

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

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

nights she designates. More information to come.

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

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

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

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

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

There will be two ceremonies: Noon and 1:30 PM.

Stonehead is owned by members Darsi and Keith Arwood. They can help you with all of your leather needs! They also have other biker accessories! Just ask them and they will try to help you find or get whatever it is you may be looking for!

Starved Rock Chapter will have a membership booth and State Bike Raffle tickets for sale!

For Starved Rock Chapter clothing and other items:

Check out this site. <http://Allpointspainting.company.site> Scroll down and you will see the Starved Rock ABATE logo. Click on the logo and check out what you can order directly! You 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



Twin Rivers Chapter

Looks like we are (hopefully) on the tail end of winter now that we've all

enjoyed our first spring like weather. For us old timers who bought our motorcycles when new stickers were all due in March, those renewals are starting to show up in our emails. Regardless of when you renew your license plates, take this time of year to look over your cycles. How old is that tire? Did you clean up the bike before you put it away or should you be doing that now? And just like dusting off the cobwebs there, make sure you plan to renew your Abate membership this year and/or plan to attend at least one meeting. We only have 6 meetings a year and while we do have pretty good attendance, it's always fun to see our members that can't come to every meeting.

Kevin & Jennifer, John & Sue and I attended the State Seminar in January. I hadn't been for several years and really enjoyed hearing one on one what's happening in the motorcycling world. Plus, I got to see some great friends that I hadn't seen for about 5 years. That's a big part of the seminar- seeing old and making new friends.

Our Chili Shootout was the first Saturday in February and once again Twin Rivers had some winners. Congrats to Kevin Baumgartner for his second place in the "hot" division and to Odie for his first in the "mild". Becky from Freeport chapter had some amazing sugar cookies for sale! All the other baked goods were yummy, I'm sure.

Kat





Thunder Rock Chapter

What a winter we are having, snow, ice, below 0 temps, then we had some warmer days, there is a light at

the end of the tunnel for spring. Some of you have taken advantage of the warm weather, just a reminder with Spring around the corner, don't forget to do your checklist. Tires, rims, bearings, seals, hoses, throttles, etc., you as a rider know the importance of making sure everything is in good working order. We need to do whatever we can do to prevent injuries or death.

Been a busy few months, in January we had our seminar which was educational, with several classes to choose from, it is impossible to attend all of them, but as chapter it can be split up and communicate the information you attain with you other chapter members, that were not able to attend or couldn't make it to one of the classes. However, it was not all work and no play, there was a nice dinner, a lot of socializing, a chance to meet other members from other chapters. We are all there for the same goal. A BROTHER AIM TOWARD EDUCATION.



If you did not make it this year, hope to see you there next year. There is so much to learn, some of the classes were Safety and Education, BOD Responsibility, Running a Chapter, Legal, Legislative topics, MRF AND many more. Thunder Rock would like to do a big SHOUT out to all that took the time to organize and present the classes to us.

In February was the 17th Annual Chili Shoot out in Dixon, once again great chili, great people, and a great time.

The winner of mild Josh Brandenburg, Thunder Rock
2nd Place Kevin Baumgartner, Twin River
3rd Place Linda Brandt, Starved Rock

The winner of Hot Chii Odie, Twin River
2nd Place Kurt Husen, Kishwaukee Valley
3rd Place Nora Kleckner, Starved Rock

PEOPLE CHOICE DANN BRAGG

CONRATS TO ALL!!!

Thank you to all that help make the NW Chili Cook off a Success Again.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 16th Thunder Rock Chili and Broom Stick Pool.

April 20th ROAD CLEAN UP(MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

May 5th Freedom Ralley(MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

June 8th Bears for Buddies(MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

Just a reminder, Our Teddy Bear Drive, throughout the year we collect stuff animals to donate to our local police to distribute to our young ones in need. You can bring a stuff animal to the meetings or bring them with you on the ride.

July 13th SKY DIVE BINGO(MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

Please watch our Thunder Rock Face Book for more details and any changes.

Once again this year we are doing drawing for one year membership renewal at all of meetings, same rules must be present to win.

January name Was **Steve Rossi**, he who was not present.

February name Was **Gina McGee**, she was not present as well.

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NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



**Northern
Illinois
Chapter**

Northern Illinois Chapter began 2024 with our first meeting held on January 27. The usual reports were given and accepted minus the Treasurer's Report. Our chapter 990 and liability checks were among the first to be received and approved downstate. Thank you Kevin!

A recap of the State Seminar was given by Rich, Diane, Vicki and Mike R. who attended. The NE Region meeting, the morning general session and separate breakouts classes during the afternoon gave us information we will use going forth in the New Year. Highlighting the day, Sandy and Scott arrived in time for dinner and the ABATEPAC auction where Sandy's quilt was auctioned first and generated a \$1200 final bid! Attendees anticipated the first views of it, very appreciative of the work that went into the quilt and it generated a good contribution to our lobbying effort. Thanks to all the chapters who donated shirts to make it happen!

By the time you read this, Northern will have participated in

Woodstock Harley Davidson's Cabin Fever event on February 17th. Bike Raffle tickets, ABATE promotional items and membership applications will have been available for attendees. Additionally, our Annual Chili Cook-off will have taken place on February 24th at the Wauconda American Legion. We'll have photos and a recap of both events for the next newsletter.

Starting April 17th, Northern will once again be participating in the four Walneck Swap Meets to be held at the McHenry County Fairgrounds. We'll set up a table with ABATE promotional items. Come out and look for us!

Sandy has proposed we participate in the Quilts of Valor program. Over the next couple of months we will be soliciting and reviewing nominations for our first presentation to a deserving member of our armed services (past or present). A ceremony will be held in the recipients honor at a date to be determined.

Northern's next meeting to be held at Doyle's Pub in Richmond, IL is Saturday March 23, 11 AM. Come Join Us!



**South
Suburban
Chapter**

Hello South Suburban Members,

Is this unusually warm winter already starting to stir up riding plans? Before you start up your motorcycle take time to do the T-CLOCK CHECK LIST. Go to the ABATE OF ILLINOIS site and click on SAFETY AND EDUCATION then find the link for "T-CLOCK" and use as guide to ensure your ready for the road.

Speaking of being ready for the road with confidence in exercising your freedom of the road rights, educate yourself on issues that not only may but WILL affect your rights. Go to ADVOCACY and click on "VOTER'S RIGHTS" and do your research and prepare for the Primary Elections on March 19, 2024. While at this site, find your region (NORTHEAST) and get familiar with the candidates for your district. Do the homework that will help you to vote smartly and with confidence of having done your best to preserve rights for the riding community. Let's support those that support us and work together on preserving our freedom of road rights.

So did you take action on squelching the new mandatory helmet bill that surfaced February 13, 2024? If not, shame on you for allowing negative action against your fellowriders.

"State Representative Daniel Didech snuck in proposed legislation (HB5620) to force motorcyclists in Illinois to wear DOT rated helmets just before bill filing deadline on Friday. The Representative from Buffalo Grove wants to take away your fundamental right to choose what gear to wear when riding."

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

Nick Savas
Chapter BOD Representative
and Public Relations





Hello from DuKane ABATE!

Well, it's March and many of us have already been out riding on the roads in DuPage and Kane Counties. We're out in our communities in classrooms speaking to students (Thank you Safety & Ed Officer Steve Waltz and Membership Officer Mark Garrison!) and out in the public talking to motorists about motorcycle safety and awareness. It's something that our chapter has as a priority to ensure the safety of motorcyclists in our area.

Have 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 put together by Events Officer Chris Newman, so we look forward to seeing you all there! The Northeast Region will also be holding their Region Meeting here prior to the event. Then, new for this year, DuKane ABATE is going 1 on 1 with Open Roads ABATE in Axe Throwing on March 23rd! The competition will be at Bull & Bear Axe Throwing in Montgomery, IL at 12:45pm. We'll meet for food and drinks following at Poor Rays. If you'd like to be part of the competition, please contact Kevin at 815-545-6114 by Monday March 18th. We're looking forward to a day filled with fun competition.

I just want to give an update to Ordinance 2023-40 that the Village of Elburn, IL passed on November 20, 2023. This was the ordinance that enforced stricter fines for texting and

driving by making a first offense a \$250 fine, a second offense a \$500 fine, and a third+ offense a \$750 fine. The Kane County Circuit Clerk informed the Elburn Village Board that they could not pass that ordinance because of the Illinois Vehicle Code blocking that ability saying that you can't make fines higher than the state "maximum". The maximum fine from the state for a first offense is \$75 which doesn't scare motorists and doesn't make it worthwhile for Police Departments to enforce. So, unfortunately Illinois strikes again in showing that they don't care about the problem that is texting and driving in Illinois. The Ordinance had to be repealed.

Make sure to join us on March 19th 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! Also, make sure you also have October 13th on your calendar as it's the 38th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run! Join us in giving back to our communities in DuPage and Kane Counties by collecting toys and food for children in need! Remember, it's all about the kids!

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

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EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty Chapter

Thanks to all who showed their support for Liberty at our just completed 37th Anniversary Party. Our attendance was certainly bolstered by the help our neighboring chapters gave us, as we had attendees from 6 other chapters. Also in attendance were our State Coordinator Bob Ellinger and our Assistant State Coordinator Scott Carter, along with State Treasurer Paul Truax and Activities Coordinator Sharyln Russell and our new EC region Coordinator Todd Farthing. That night the B in ABATE certainly came through, as we sent out a big Thank You! to all our brothers and Sisters who supported Liberty.

Have you ever been to our upcoming Legislative Day in Springfield? A chance to see the Capitol and meet our Representatives. It's coming up on April 17. Never too early to make plans, for it is a weekday. We will meet at Floyd's Thirst Parlor where we will receive our itinerary for the day. We will proceed two blocks to the Capitol where we will meet with our assigned Reps. Lunch, and we usually have some free time before going back to the Thirst Parlor for the evening reception.

This is the one day where a show of support is really needed, for there is nothing more impressive to the Suits in Springfield than a bunch of Bikers coming in and showing the passion that we have for our rights. If you can, please make plans to attend. The more of a showing that we have the more we can accomplish. Don't know how to talk to the politicians? That is ok, for this is one job where the only responsibility is to SHOW UP. There will always be the experienced ones along to do the talking.

We have our monthly meetings at the Mattoon Moose on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 1:30. For the latest schedule updates and upcoming events, please look us up on Facebook, Liberty ABATE. Also check out the state website for other chapter events and the latest legislative updates, and to sign up for alerts. You can also renew your membership and make changes. Our mailing address is Liberty ABATE, PO box 1502 Mattoon IL 61938.



STATELINE RIDERS

We made it into a new year. Hope everyone is well. The January

meeting at the Almost Famous Porky Barn had a nice turnout. We saw our chapter increase by eight new members and three renewals. There was a discussion on bringing back the big breakfast. It was tabled for later discussion. We need to check on the availability of food and a place to hold it, Chop, our ever-diligent president, made sure to get it across that if we do go with the breakfast, we will need commitment out of more members to help, Thanks to Nancy for letting us have the meeting at her establishment and to Bobby Lee for feeding us.

Our February meeting and broomstick pool tournament at the Silo Pub and eatery will have come and gone by the time you read this. Our next meeting is April 20th at 1:00 pm at the Hideout Bar and Bait south county road 700 W Beaver-ville. The following meetings are on Saturday June 22nd 11 am at the Pump in Hoopeston. The is also the Blake Kinnett

run for ALD. Then August 10th at 1 pm at Roberts. The meetings are every other month until further notice,

Five of us went to the state seminar in January. It was my first time attending and I found it quite informative. Legislative Josh Witkowski is retiring after seven years of service for ABATE. His replacement is currently being trained. Law makers are trying to push where one can't customize their own motorcycle to improve performance which doesn't go well with most, if not all of us. Autonomous vehicles are not held responsible if they run over a motorcycle. These vehicles cannot register a motorcycle. It's as if you are not there. The statement that stuck with me was from a guest speaker from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation by the name of Hard Tail. He said, "I want to ride where I want, when I want, wearing what I want with whom I want." Very good reasons to keep ABATE alive.

Later, Frank



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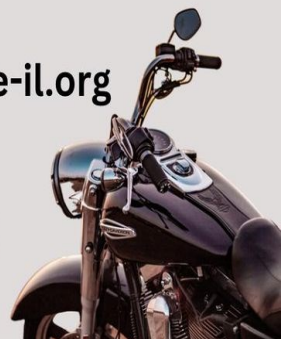
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Date February 17th, 2024, MRF Report to ABATE of Illinois

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REFERRED BY: _____, MUST BE FILLED IN PLEASE! WHEN FILLING OUT YOUR MRF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. THANK YOU!

Motorcycle Riders Foundation ("MRF") Illinois State Representative.

Dennis Yeager "Clever" cleaver1957@gmail.com - 815-238-6262.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation ("MRF") Illinois Assistant State Representative.

Elizabeth Winters, starbrite57@gmail.com - 847-505-9017.

Bobby Carroll, rcarroll63@yahoo.com - 815-978-9210. New to the list Dec. 2023.

Andrew Toennies, andrew.toennies@yahoo.com - 618-530-6889. New to the list Jan. 2024.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation ("MRF") Assistant Club Representative.

Dellann Stutsman, lacedog@yahoo.com - 217-473-2295.

When filling out your MRF membership application and mailing them in yourself, or filling out online. Please make sure that the Referred by line is filled in with one of the (5) names listed above. If it goes into the MRF Office blank, no one get credit for signing up this member (s). If the MRF Representative is there watching over the signee, then that Rep. should make sure that the application is filled out correctly. Please make all information is readable and correct. Thanks for your help on this subject.

Needed: A List of Supportive Aftermarket Shops in Your State

Hello, everyone.

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

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

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

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

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

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February 25 Twin Rivers ABATE Motorcycle Swap Meet, Dixon Elks Lodge. Dixon IL.
 April 12 - 13 Heartland STEAM. Sioux Falls, SD.
 April 17 Legislative Day. Springfield IL.
 April 28 ABATE of Illinois Motorcycle Swap Meet, Illinois State Fairgrounds. Springfield IL.
 September 26 - 29 MRF 40th, Annual Meeting of the Minds. St. Louis, MO.

Bike Raffle update dates for 2024:
September 8 - 9, 2023 Lena Lions Fall Festival, Lena IL. 555 Tickets for \$2,310.00

June 7 - 8, 2024, *Darlington Canoe Festival Darlington WI*
Beowulf MC LTD Summer Party.
 June 20 - 23, 2024, *Crooked Roof Lanark IL.*
 June 29, 2024, *Cedar Inn for Cedar Fest, Cedarville IL.*

July 4th, 2024, *Stockton IL Memorial Park & the 4th of July Celebration.*
 July 5 - 7, 2024, *Open Yet. ("Maybe the Corner Tap on this weekend?")*
 July 12 - 14, 2024, *Tutty Baker Days Festival Freeport IL.*
 July 18 - 20, 2024, *Big "O's" on the Hollow Freeport IL.*
 August 10, 2024, *Cruise Night Downtown Freeport IL., and the last big push to sell Bike Raffle Tickets.*

September 6 - 7, 2024, *Lena Lions Fall Festival Lena IL, and the first showing of the new bikes for 2025 raffle year*
[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.



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



Hardtail and Cleaver filling each other full of information, or Brain Storming all our knowledge together.



Cleaver and Cindy Lannom, she was looking to take a nap? Cleaver dialing for dollars, only to make everyone think I was working hard? I believe I had everyone Buffalo on the working thing? All pictures taken at ABATE of Illinois State Seminar, Northfield Inn, Springfield IL. By Peggy Groeling, Dan Klechner, Nathan Klapatch. Thanks.

MRF Roadshow Stops: Posse ~ Chicago 2/4/2024

The Chicago Area Posse is an organization that gathers riding groups and clubs from around the Chicago area. The Posse consists of ABATE Chapters, HOG Chapters, Law Enforcement Clubs, Firefighter Clubs, Rolling Thunder, and many other riding groups. Their purpose is to share information on Education, Legislation and Charity Rides. They met this past weekend in Wauconda, Illinois, where MRF Board Members Eric Ross and Seven, along with MRF Reps Dennis Yeager, Robert Carroll, Cathy Dial and Christy Gunderson were in attendance. The Posse also received a presentation from MRF Assistant Executive Director Ryan Hubbard on MRF Priority issues and the importance of membership. Join The MRF www.mrf.org

(L-R) Christy Gunderson (IA) Eric Ross (IA) Cathy Dial (WI) Ryan Hubbard (IL) Seven Cassel (WI) Robert Carroll (IL) Dennis Yeager (IL) Bottom left Rich Gruner ABATE of Illinois, Bottom right some of the attendees.



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Date	Chapter Meetings 2024
3/01	
3/02	So Illinois 27
3/03	Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz
3/04	
3/05	Freedom Riders
3/06	Richland County
3/07	Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County
3/08	
3/09	Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
3/10	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Liberty, Ten Mile Creek, Kishwaukee Valley
3/11	
3/12	Midstate
3/13	Will County
3/14	Heart of Illinois, St. Clair
3/15	
3/16	Black Diamond
3/17	Freeport, Prairieland
3/18	Tri County
3/19	DuKane, Lincoln Land
3/20	Chicago
3/21	South Suburban
3/22	
3/23	Northern Illinois
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BLACK DIAMOND	525 S BROAD ST	CARLINVILLE	IL	62626	217-710-9338	DANNY	09/1994	SW	1/1/2023	
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CENTRAL IL	PO BOX 1084	GALESBURG	IL	61402-1084	309-550-4470	BOB	07/1985	WC	1/1/2023	
CHICAGO	PO BOX 410594	CHICAGO	IL	60641	708-280-6053	PAT	01/1986	NE	1/10/2023	
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DUKANE	PO BOX 188	W CHICAGO	IL	60186-0188	630-618-7551	CHRIS	01/1987	NE	*1/1/2024	28
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EMBARRAS VALLEY	303 N LOCUST	ARCOLA	IL	61910	217-480-5212	SHARILYN	02/2000	EC	1/15/2021	
FREEBIRD	PO BOX 278	MANITO	IL	61546-0278	309-840-1616	JIM	11/1993	WC	*1/1/2024	
FREEDOM RIDERS	1241 S COLLEGE	SALEM	IL	62881	618-548-5695	CLIFFORD	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	06/1986	EC	*12/31/2023	
KASKASKIA VALLEY	215 E NOLEMAN	CENTRALIA	IL	62801	618-292-3005	TROY	04/2006	SW	1/1/2022	
KISHWAUKEE VALLEY	PO BOX 2783	LOVES PARK	IL	61132	815-721-7728	LIZ	08/1989	NW	1/1/2023	
LAMOINE VALLEY	PO BOX 512	DALLAS CITY	IL	62330-0512	319-759-2459	JOE	06/1988	WC	*1/1/2024	
LIBERTY	PO BOX 1502	MATTOON	IL	61938	217-232-8467	HENRY	02/1987	EC	1/1/2023	29
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MID-STATE	PO BOX 531	TAYLORVILLE	IL	62568-0531	217-561-6138	GREG	03/1993	EC	*12/31/2023	
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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	
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PRAIRIELAND	1901 RAILROAD	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	30
SOUTH SUBURBAN	PO BOX 281	CHICAGO RIDGE	IL	60415-0281	708-516-6591	DAISY	10/1986	NE	*1/1/2024	27
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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	24-25
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	DECATUR	IL	62526	217-620-1707	SCOTT	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	26
TRI-COUNTY	PO BOX 1513	JACKSONVILLE	IL	62651-1513	217-320-7330	JEFF	08/2004	WC	1/20/2023	
TWIN RIVERS	813 LAKEWOOD	DIXON	IL	61021	815-440-6018	JOHN	04/1987	NW	1/22/2023	25
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	04/2003	NE	1/1/2022	

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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:

Representative Races

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
7 th Representative	
Emanuel “Chris” Welch (i)	A+
8 th Representative	
La Shawn Ford (i)	B+
9 th Representative	
Yolanda Morris (i)	NR
10 th Representative	

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

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

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

Senate races;

Representative races;

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

Republican Party:

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

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

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

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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2024 FEDPAC Primary Voter Guide

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

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

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

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

Endorsed candidates are shown in bold and italics.

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

Democratic Party

1st District
Johnathan Jackson (i) C-

2nd District
Robin Kelly (i) C+

3rd District
Delia C. Ramirez (i) C

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

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

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

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

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

9th District
Janice D. Schakowsky (i) C

10th District
Bradley Scott Schneider (i) C+

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

12th District
Preston Gabriel Nelson NR
Brian Roberts NR

13th District
Nikki Budzinski (i) B

14th District
Lauren A. Underwood (i) D

17th District
Eric Sorensen (i) F

Republican Party

1st District
Monetelle Latoya Gaji NR
Marcus Lewis NR

2nd District
Ashley Ramos c

3rd District
John Booras d

5th District
Tommy Hanson NR

6th District
Niki Conforti c-

7th District
Chad Koppie NR

8th District
Mark Rice c

10th District
Jim Carris NR

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

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

13th District
Thomas Clatterbuck NR
Joshua Loyd c+

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

15th District
Mary Miller (i) B-

16th District
Darin LaHood (i) A+

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

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