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LEGISLATIVE

By Josh "SKI" Witkowski



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Noise Monitoring – HB1108 (Croke) expands proposed Chicago Noise monitoring, and Alderman Reilly wants to create an automated enforcement system. ABATE defeated HB1108 & wrote HB5435 (Sanalitro) to ban these types of cameras. We were able to advance out of committee but worked out a deal with Chicago to hold the bill for this year in exchange for direct meetings. Met with CDOT and Mayor's policy staff who assured ABATE that they do not support the use of these sound cameras for enforcement and will not support Alderman's proposed ordinance. The City of Chicago and ABATE will be working closer together in the future on traffic issues.

Emissions – The multiple California emissions bills are dead. ABATE participated in a stakeholder discussion with environmentalists on these bills two weeks ago. They offered to cut motorcycles and off-road vehicles out of any proposed bills in the future. ABATE declined the offer as the proposed regulations still affect the trucks that we use to transport our trailers and motorcycles. This is part of an organized effort by many larger groups to fight California emissions in Illinois. ABATE signed on to a letter with several other larger groups that was sent to the federal government and to state government opposing these regulations.

Autonomous Vehicles – All relevant bills are dead for this year. We are working on convening a working group given more revelations in the last month. Vancouver has banned all self-driving tech from cars, Tesla has killed more motorcyclists, and independent testing is showing that these vehicles are not safe at all.

Over 75 testing requirement – Rep Keicher's bill to eliminate this age discrimination failed to advance out of the house. ABATE continues to work on the issue.

Motorcycle Training – SIU has been revealed to be the new training center for all 3 regions in Illinois. SIU says fall at the earliest for central region and 2025 for the northern region. There are many outstanding issues here and ABATE continues to work on getting them addressed. See attached letter to IDOT from ABATE.

Good Bills on the Move – HB4848 (Keicher) – Strengthens requirements for trash haulers to cover their loads on the interstate. Oddly a bill where bikers and environmentalists are united.

HB4966 (Sanalitro) – Gives motorcyclists access to all available specialty plates from the Secretary of State's Office.

Odds & Ends – ABATE is monitoring legislation affecting work zone automated speed cameras. We are also working with the tollway authority to determine how the new stickers should work and if it even makes sense to continue tolling motorcycles. We may be moving to a different email system as well.

Helmet Bill – HB5620 (Didech) is dead for now. He will likely file it every year unless ABATE makes the political cost too high for him. There is a need for public education of riders and officials as to why this bill isn't needed and how it came into existence.

For more information Please contact Josh "SKI" Witkowski , Legislative Coordinator – ABATE of Illinois (217) 816-2646 or legislative@abate-il.org





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

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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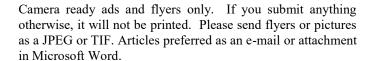
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State Coordinator Hi again A.B.A.T.E.

I have been on the road a lot since my last report. I was asked out to Oklahoma to do a breakout session at their seminar. Met and exchanged many ideas with leadership and membership alike, it was time will spent. They are a small organization but dedicated to protecting their rights. Also traveled out to South Dakota for Heartland Steam. Always good to catch up with our mid-western states. To see old friends and meet new people. Events like those and others help keep up with our ever-changing politics in our country, and can give us heads up on any new issues on the horizon. They help to keep the information flowing, and that's so important in this day and age.

I would also like to give a big thank you to all that attended lobby day. We were well received and even on a crazy busy day. We were able to visit with many of our friends in Springfield and hand out our issues. All in all, it went very well with a lot of first timers there. So great job attendees. Lastly please keep your eyes on your alerts, as Josh can attest to, things are moving almost hourly and may need action.

As always thank you for being a part of A.B.A.T.E. and please ride safe.

State Coordinator Bob (Mouse) Ellinger



Assistant State Coordinator

No article submitted.





State Treasurer

No article submitted.





Products

Be sure to get your Freedom Rally shirt on May 5th, and be looking ahead for the 2024 State Party Shirts coming soon. Interested in helping with products during the Freedom Rally @ the IDOT Building or State Party please contact me asap!







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PICTURES OF THE "NEW" PRODUCT TRAILER CAN BE SEEN ON PAGE 18





Activities Coordinator

No article submitted.





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Coordinator

Newsletter Articles due May 11th for the June online version 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,

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Safety and Ed Coordinator

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month!

10 TIPS FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH.

FOR RIDERS:

- 1. Never assume that drivers can or do see you.
- 2. Use extra caution when riding through construction areas.
- 3. Avoid riding in poor weather conditions.
- 4. Position yourself out of a driver's blind spots.
- 5. When riding always wear reflective clothing.

FOR MOTORISTS:

- 6. Reduce your speed and increase stopping distance.
- 7. Exercise extra caution while at intersections.
- 8. Check your blind spots before making any lane changes.
- 9. Have passengers alert you of a motorcycle rider's presence.
- 10. Stay alert and always be willing to share the road.

Check out my Facebook Page every Friday Night for Motorcycle Safety Tips & the 2024 Illinois Motorcycle Fatality

As of 04/30/2024 Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities = 19.

Look, Listen, and Watch for Motorcycles!

Four wheels move your body, two wheels move your soul... Buy a Motorcycle...

John "Fireball" Anderson

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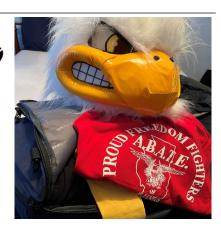
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Secretary

Happy Spring Riders, Our April meeting was a good meeting.

We had 37 chapters

present. We did receive good news, Windy City is reorganizing and coming back into the fold.

The only motion was for the Safety and **Education Coordinator to purchase** motorcycle style key fobs to only be used for students of the Safety and Education Program by Dukane. Seconded by Black Diamond. Motion passed. (BOD2024-003) A new Web and Software Committee has been formed with Kley Abel as the Chairman,

Chris Hansen and Teri Smith as members. Anyone wishing to be on the Future of ABATE Committee, please send a letter of intent to secretary@abate-il.org. All generations are welcome. The committee is to bring the generations together and find new ideas and insure the future of our organization.

The next board meetings are: June 15, 2024 at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, Springfield Executive Board Meeting at 10:30 Board of Directors Meeting at 1:00

Ride Smart, Ride Safe Teri Smith Secretary



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

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.

A. 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.

- A. 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.
- B. 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:

- A. 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.
- B. Members seeking appointment to either PAC shall submit their letter of intent to the respective PAC committee chairman for review by the committee.
- C. The respective PAC committee shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on the appointment of anyone who submitted a letter of intent.
- D. PAC trustees are not automatically officers of the corporation or members of the Executive or Board of Directors. Officers of the Corporation may hold a position on a PAC, except for the State Legislative Coordinator.

Rational for Proposal:

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

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

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





Hello ABATE of Illinois!

It's May, and that means it's Motorcycle Awareness Month. I hope that you're all out getting those Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamations from your cities, towns, and villages to promote the safety and awareness of motorcyclists around the state of Illinois. It is imperative that our communities know we're out there and to pay attention

to us. Never underestimate the phrase "Look Twice, Save A Life!" There have been chapters that have already gotten proclamations like Starved Rock ABATE, so be sure to get out there and let people know to drive aware!

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

May 5th is coming quickly, so be sure to be in attendance at the ABATE of Illinois Freedom Rally. We will meet up at the Illinois Department of Transportation Parking Lot at 8:00am. The address is 2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy in Springfield, Illinois. This is going to be a great day of motorcyclist camaraderie, and hopefully you arrive having attended the Lincoln Land ABATE Freedom Fest. We will have food, drinks, and ABATE of Illinois swag on-site. Then, at 1:00pm, we will ride to the Capitol letting everyone in Springfield know that motorcyclists are out on the roads to proclaim the rights and freedoms that we fight to protect year after year. Please join us for a great day of riding and make others take notice.

Legislative Day was a great success, and big thanks go out to those who made it possible. Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Kaskaskia Valley ABATE, Central Illinois ABATE, Shoal Creek ABATE, and XLN Services are all awesome sponsors who allowed us to flood the Capitol in neon green and talk with our Elected Officials. It was a great event put on by Legislative Coordinator Ski and Activities Coordinator Sharilyn Kibler-Russell.

Speaking of great events, how awesome was the ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show? I hope that you all got those hard-to-find motorcycle parts you were looking for. Maybe you got lucky and took home a trophy for having an awesome motorcycle. Thank you to DJ Todd Farthing II, Prairieland ABATE, Law Tigers, Hupy & Abraham, and ABATE Legal for supporting this awesome day.

As always, I am available if you need to reach out or have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Text or email me any time. We'll see you all June 20th – 23rd for the ABATE of Illinois State Party!

Until next month. Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

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Proclamations for Motorcycle Awareness Month

Village Proclamation



Township Proclamation

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ABATE of Illinois State Calendar for 2024



(Subject to Change)

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



DATE	EVENT
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 8	Swap Meet (Urbana – Champaign Co Fair)
October 19	E-board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations)
November 16	E-Board Meeting
December 14	E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Elections)
December 14	Christmas Party







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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

My column is a little later than usual as I wanted to include Legislative Day happenings to the usual stuff. First, it appears the phone calls and witness slips everyone has made over the last month have killed Rep. Dan Didech's mandatory helmet bill...for this legislative year. Another win for motorcyclists is the defeat of sound monitoring/

enforcement on Lake Shore Drive. Thanks to the City of Chicago for reaching out to Josh and the Chicago Chapter in an attempt to find a solution that will not unfairly target motorcyclists. We must remain vigilant and talk to more motorcyclists, making them aware of what ABATE has accomplished and get them onboard for more battles to come. You know the issues: Autonomous vehicles, profiling, electric vehicles, CARB, motorcyclist training, ethanol.

Legislative Day 2024 in Springfield was a great success. We spoke on all the above issues with staff and legislators who made the time to visit with us in their office, hallways of the Capitol and at Floyd's Thirst Parlor. All chapters from the Northeast Region were represented. Despite an increase in attendance, our region still needs more participants as we have the greatest number of legislators to be contacted. Once the date is announced for 2025, please make time to attend to protect your right to ride free.

May is Motorcyclist Safety and Awareness month. Reach out to your city, township and county officials for proclamations and/or get out on street corners with signs and banners highlighting the campaign. Our lives depend on this!

Upcoming Northeast Region Events:

May 17-18, DuKane Chapter, Flat Track Racing at Sycamore Speedway

June 7-9, Will County Chapter, Demo rides at Rich's Yamaha

June 8, South Suburban Chapter, Topless Tour, New Lenox American Legion, 9 AM

June 20, NE Region Meeting hosted by South Suburban Chapter, 6PM

June 21-23, Chicago Chapter, Motoblot with ABATE of Illinois raffle bikes

June 23, Northern Illinois Chapter, Walneck's Swap Meet, McHenry County Fairgrounds, 8AM







NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB CARROLL

No article submitted.

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





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

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Hello all East Central Region Members,

Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this nice spring weather to get out and do some riding.

Don't forget to check over your bikes after being stored for the winter so they are safe to be on the road.

Thanks to all of the chapters that had events over the winter and all events have been well supported by all of the chapters in the region, let's keep this up and keep supporting each other. Our east vs west chili cook off was a great success and we had representation from 12 chapters! Great job everyone and hope to see more next year.

The Freedom Rally is coming up so make sure everyone is planning to attend, also Freedom Fest prior to the rally.

Our East Central Region Party will be at Rally in the Valley this year on May 31- June 2, hope to see everyone there.

Don't forget to join our region Facebook page at ABATE of Illinois- EC Region for updates on things happening in our region.

Until next month.

Thanks Rick Makowski

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

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





WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MIKE THOMPSON & GEORGE HURST

No article submitted.

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



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOBBY STOUT

No article submitted.

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Ask Our Lawyer By Rod Taylor ABATE Legal Services

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WHY WOULD THEY TELL ME THAT?

In an at-fault State, when it's the other driver's fault and they have adequate

insurance, make the claim under the at-fault driver's policy, not your own collision policy. We just recently saw a case where both drivers (the at fault and not at fault) were insured by the same company, and the insurance company told the not at fault driver to submit the claim under their own policy. That insurance company then denied them a rental car and put limits on their payout for accessories, etc., based on their own collision policy. Had they filed the claim against the other driver, none of those limits would have come into play.

There's something terribly wrong with insurance companies getting away with this, so don't let them! If you have questions about your insurance policy, or what limits you should carry, contact ABATE LEGAL. - Attorney Hilary Barnes

CAN ABATE SUE THE STATE FOR NOT FIXING POTHOLES?

Q: I understand that if the state or a municipality is informed of a road hazard, "pothole," etc., and that if they neglect to fix it in a timely manner and someone has an accident because of it or damages their vehicle, that the municipality is liable. If this is correct, can ABATE, rather than the motorcyclist, sue the state for putting us in danger because of their inaction to fund the repair of dangerous stretches of roadway?

A: No. The actual cause of action that gives a person the right to sue doesn't occur until that person suffers a loss – sad to say there's no effective way to compel a government agency to do something that is in their discretion to do or not do. The only right we have is to ask for damages once a loss has happened. Additionally, as we have explained before, the governmental agency must have actual knowledge of the existence of the hazard before they can be held liable for a loss. That's why the RoadHazard.org is so important. We keep a record of all the hazards that people report to us, so we can help prove that the agency had knowledge of the hazard. Keep those reports coming - we are doing some good!

BONDING ABATE OFFICERS WHO HANDLE OUR CASH

Bonding officers who handle ABATE cash is an absolute must. Here is how it works. This insurance, called a fidelity bond, helps you protect ABATE against theft and reduce our risk of loss. Employee bonds are a common part of an overall business insurance package. With a fidelity bond on money handlers, we are covered for theft of these funds.

A fidelity bond is insurance that you can buy through the company that handles your business insurance policies. The cost varies greatly depending on the type of business you operate and the amount of cash or other assets that are handled by the bonded employees. If an employee steals from ABATE, the insurance covers the loss. Then the insurance/bonding company gets to chase our **ex-member** for the money.

BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER?

Q: I just bought a pricey motorcycle with lots of horsepower. Because of my age, the insurance was more than I could afford, so I canceled the collision portion and opted to only pay liability. This dropped my insurance premiums significantly, but here is my problem. My brother-in-law borrowed the motorcycle to take a spin around the block. Well, it turns out that he was not as experienced as he led me to believe, lost control on the ride and totaled my brand-new motorcycle. I am just sick about it. What do you advise me to do?

A: If your brother-in-law has a motorcycle, ask to look at his policy. He may have coverage that would replace your bike. You should also check his auto policies to see if they provide coverage. Most likely, his auto policies do not afford coverage, but you should look at the language of the policy just in case. I have seen auto policies that would arguably allow coverage for this loss. If you have questions, call. If you strike out, you are then faced with confronting your brother-in-law about paying for the bike. If he refuses, you have two choices: 1. decide blood is thicker than water and forget it, or 2. sue him. Good luck at the family reunions on choice number 2.

Ride Safe.

Rod Taylor

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All questions from ABATE members are answered confidentially unless otherwise authorized and then only after the matter is concluded, except when authorization for publication anonymously or otherwise is given for pending matters.

Call us at 1-(800)-25-RIDER. Questions? Submit them to: RodTaylor@abatelegal.com. © 2024.



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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 TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! THE GRAND PRIZE IS A 2023 HARLEY-DAVIDSON STREET GLIDE FROM HALL'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON!



EIGHT GREAT PRIZES ABATE OF ILLINOIS **GRAND PRIZE**

2023 HARLEY DAVIDSON STREET GLIDE

2nd Prize - CF Moto CForce 500 • 3rd Prize - \$1500 4th Prize - \$400 • 5th Prize - \$300 • 6th Prize - \$200 • 7th Prize - \$100 8th Prize - 5 Year ABATE Membership To be given away September 1, 2024 at the Springfield Mile Race if race is a rainout the drawing will be held September 2, 2024 Grand Prize purchased at

Hall's Harley Davidson, Springfield, IL 2nd Prize purchased at World of Power Sports, Springfield, IL 3rd Prize donated by Shawnee Hills ABATE Chapter

Donation 1 ticket for \$5.00 Winner must pay taxes and fees For Drawing Results or 5 tickets for \$20 Need not to be present to win

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Visit www.ABATE-IL.ORG After Sept 4th or call 1-309-343-6588



Available Dates to have the Bike and ATV at vour events. Contact Howard by email: bike@abate-il.org

> May 10-12, 2024 August 16-18, 2024

Contact the ABATE of ILLINOIS State Office at 309-343-6588 to get your tickets or

> **Contact Howard Nation** 217-341-6483



bike@abate-il.org



2024 Bike Raffle Locations

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

Date	City	Location	Event
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 22-23, 2024	Chicago	Downtown Chicago	Motoblot Festival
June 29, 2024	Freeport	Cedar Inn	Cedar Fest
July 4, 2024	Stockton	Memorial Park	July 4 th Celebration
July 5-7, 2024	Lanark	Crooked Roof	Old Settlers Days
July 12-14, 2024	Freeport	Tutty Days Festival	ABATE & MRF Awareness
July 18-20, 2024	Freeport	Big O's on the Hallow	ABATE & MRF Awareness
July 27, 2024	Sandwich	Downtown	Car Show
July 28, 2024	Sycamore	Downtown	Car Show
August 2-4, 2024	Forreston	City Park	Sauerkraut Days
August 10-11, 2024	Mendota	Downtown	Sweetcorn Festival
August 23-24, 2024	Tonica	Downtown	Jeep Jam & Car Show
Aug 29–Sept 1, 2024	Springfield	State Fairgrounds	Springfield Mile – Drawing

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NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Twin Rivers Chapter Our chapter was formed in April of 1987- that's 37 years ago. We still have four of our original members - Dominic Spanos,

Jack Gross, Joe Carpenter, and Ted Doran. Later that year we added and still have as members, Chuck Manon, Greg "Shippy" Shipman, John, and Maria Laschinski. At one time we covered at least five counties and had over 300 members. We decided to split our territory and the Starved Rock chapter was formed.

The five-year members are Penny Bickek and Mike Neahring. Fifteen members include Philip Craig and Brad Thomas, Twenty-five-year members are Kevin & Pam Rossler and Rhonda Schauff, Thirty-year member is Mike Thomas, Thirty-five-year members are Bill Schauff, Dennis Farrell and Kat Conner. I think so far this year we've added 8 members, so we are still going strong!

We just had our 16th Annual Swap Meet in February, and it was a great success. It's always fun to go to see what everyone has to offer and see many of our Northwest Region chapter members. Thanks to all who helped set up and take down tables and chairs. And thank you to the Elk Lodge for letting us host the event and even provided food for both breakfast and lunch.

Enjoy the nice weather and be safe! Kat





Starved Rock Chapter ***Meetings begin at 12:30***

WE ARE HAVING A QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING!

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

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

We had a meeting Sunday April 7th at Claudette's in Oglesby. There were 42 members and 2 guests present. Membership drawing was won by Kevin B. Kevin donated \$80.00 to the chapter! Thanks Kevin! Door prizes went to members Janet B and Rose N. Guest winning a door prize was Sam. PR Officer Karen B sent out 35 proclamations to local government bodies to declare the month of May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month"! Thanks Karen! Banners will be put up in different locations soon. Get ready for riding season!

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

Sunday, May 5th, is the Freedom Rally, Springfield. The Chapter will be leaving Flying J/ Denny's in Peru at 9:00am. If you want breakfast arrive early! We will ride to the IDOT parking lot, then to Capital at 1:00.

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

There will be two ceremonies: Noon and 1:30 PM. Stone-head 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!

Spring Fling Saturday May 25th at 5PM at Jack's Tap in Spring Valley:

Welcome Riding Season with our annual Spring Fling! Food,

fun, friends, and entertainment. \$20.00 per person. A few volunteers are needed to donate desserts. If you want appetizers you will have to buy them from the bar. Text or call Rachel to sign up. 815-228-9961. She needs to know how many people will be there.

Meeting Sunday June 2 at 12:30 at Smitty's Tap in Leonore. We will meet in the Pavilion.

Membership Run Sunday June 9th.

It will start at Blue Collar Bikes in Spring Valley. Registration begins at 9AM. It is \$20.00 per person to ride. If someone signs up as a **new** member of ABATE at the run the entry free for the run is waived! Kickstands up at 10:30 AM. Questions? Call or text Rachel at 815-228-9961

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

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

You can also scan this QR code!



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

Please follow Starved Rock ABATE on Facebook!

Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Officer



OPEN ROADS ABATE

Riding season...here we come. It's time to get your bikes out of storage, perform T-Clock, inspect safety features, and plan a ride every weekend. Just make sure your bike is safety ready – check tire tread, proper air pressure in tires, fluid levels, cables in working order, working lights, etc. Always watch for other drivers, gravel and pot holes on roadways, think smart, ride smart, and be safe.

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

Why Join ABATE?

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

Become part of a political power that comes together to oppose and/or stop

anti-motorcycling legislation

Motorcycle education and public awareness programs

Programs to prevent injury or fatal accidents and promote safety to motorcyclists

Participate in service-oriented activities in your community

Preserve the basic freedoms of all motorcyclists

Lobbies local, state and national policymakers for your "Rights, Freedoms

and Needs"

Cycle Rider Safety Program remains a free program due to our fight to keep it free

Maintained "freedom of choice" on wearing helmets (not anti-helmet but pro-choice)

ABATE is the only defense between motorcyclists and those trying to destroy our way of life

Allows individuals to express their views

2024 Open Roads Summer Books – are available NOW for a donation of \$10 per book. Ride with pride, visit new businesses, and have fun. Over 400 books have been sold to date. There are 62 stops (started out with 63 stops but Cajun Jack's has closed – everyone gets credit for this stop) for you to obtain a stamp from each from April 1 to September 30. Ride to leather shops, places of interest in northern Illinois, shop for a new bike at dealers, socialize at bars and grills, or get a great meal at some "hidden" grills in the area. Let's team up with others and ride to all 62 stops in the book!!

Get your book now by calling Linda on (630) 552-3828 or Sally on (815) 791-3435.

Axe Throwing with DuKane ABATE – A friendly day of axe throwing with our friends from DuKane was on Saturday, March 23 at Bull and Bear Axe Throwing in Montgomery and then supper at Poor Boys. It was a close match up with many bull's eyes but Frank Lorang placed first followed by Sam Mataya for second.

Spring Train Fun Run – April 13, a fun day had by all as 50 people boarded the train and went to three places that offered great hospitality and the committee had several activities planned just. Can you imagine ABATE members and friends taking up a whole train car, filling up an entire bar, and walking the streets to get to our destinations as a lively group? Well, that's what we did. Blackhawk Chapter was well represented with 11 members.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Next Chapter Meeting – June 29, 6 pm, Plano American Legion. Food, updates, events, fun. Mark your calendars.

Motorcycle Awareness Month – Open Roads will be visible all summer but especially during the month of May. Proclamations to several cities and townships have been signed, local media promotions have been printed, banners displayed, and windshield washing on May 11 at BP in Plano from 11 am to 1 pm.

Motorcycle Awareness Rally – WE NEED YOU...Sunday, May 5 at the IDOT Building (2701 S. Dirksen Parkway) in Springfield. Arrive mid-morning to check out vendor motorcycle gear, and join other motorcyclists for a memorable event as we converge as our state capitol. Around 12:30 pm you will be part of the bike parade as you ride to the capitol building. Come out and support this event as you and several hundred motorcyclists make an impact in our capitol and share our brotherhood with others. We will also stamp your Open Roads Summer Books from 9 am until noon – this is a BONUS STOP.

Summer Book Group Ride – May 18, meet at Exquisite Skillet in Plano for breakfast, KSU 9 am, ride to Kegel H-D, Big O's on the Hollow, Hairy Cow, Sledgehammers, Rooney's, Pub West, and the Pub. We welcome everyone to ride with us.

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

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

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

Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity

Pictures:

Beware of our axe throwers from DuKane & Open Roads as they have become very confident and precise with their skills – Frank Lorang, Kevin Smith, John Bloch, Cliff Oleson, Sharyl and Sam Mataya, Kenny Williams (our host at Bear & Bull), Patti Smith, Lisa Mills, Chris Newman, Fred Chaffer, and Nathan Klapatch.



Open Roads Chili Cookoff was March 9. Kevin (activities coordinator) congratulates Linda Oleson (1st place), Sharyl Mataya (2nd place), Bill Kolb (3rd place). Not pictured Sara Jones (tied for 2nd place).



Open Roads Pool Tournament was also March 9 – Bill Kolb placed 2nd, Ted Thompson placed 3rd, and Wayne Glock placed 1st with Kevin (activities coordinator) and Ralph Torres (bracket coordinator).







Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 4, 2024; \$10.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member) Registration rate after Sept. 4, 2024; \$110.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (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.

NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



Northern Illinois Chapter

Northern Chapter met on March 23rd with a mandatory helmet bill having been proposed by Rep. Dan Didech of Buffalo Grove during the spring session. The filing certainly surprised everyone and it is even more a surprise that Rep. Didech's district does not include a member of our chapter. Phone calls and witness slips were promised in an attempt to defeat this bill. Dennis and Mike participated in Woodstock Harley's Cabin fever event promoting ABATE (we gained two new members) and selling state bike raffle tickets. We discussed our successful Chili Cook-off and set a tentative date for next year...March 1, 2025. Gloria was drawn as the winner of the 2023-24 Sweets and Treats; she made it to all locations shown on the event card. Discussion was had with regard to more participants; we are going to begin the new Sweet and Treats at our next chili cook-off where more people can be made aware of the event.

Sandy has volunteered to make three quilts to be given away on behalf of Quilts of Valor program. Honorably discharged veterans and current service members are eligible to receive a quilt. Applications were emailed to all members. Applicants are

not required to be members of ABATE. The deadline to submit applications to Rich is Memorial Day. A mutually agreeable date, time and location will be set for each recipient to receive his or her quilt from our chapter.

Rich encouraged members to obtain proclamations from their city, township and county officials for Motorcyclist Safety and Awareness month. Three members will be attending ABATE's Legislative Day on Wednesday April 17th in Springfield. A few days later, we expect a large group will be heading up to The Beer Gardens in Kenosha for our April chapter meeting and Wisconsin ABATE Region 1J's Soup, Chili and Dessert Cook-off on Saturday April 20. We will meet at 11 AM with their fundraiser starting at 12 PM.

Please note:

Our May meeting has been moved to Saturday May 18 due to travel conflicts many members have on the Memorial Day weekend.

Rich Gruner





South Suburba Chapter Fellow members, your board has been busy preparing for our annual fundraiser event,

THE TOPLESS TOUR.

We encourage all South Suburban members to attend the chapter's TOPLESS TOUR event scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024, and bring your family members and friends to come out to attend this awesome event. It will be at a familiar site, same as last year, the American Legion Post 1977, 14414 Ford Drive, New Lenox, Illinois. This is a great site that provides an outdoor bar and pavilion. This event will proceed rain or shine as we can move the party indoors to the banquet room if necessary. All participants ride at their own risk.

The run will be 110 miles with a card drawn at each stop. As always, it is recommended to arrive with a full tank of gas. Whether you come on two, three, or four wheels does not matter as you can enjoy the camaraderie of fellow riders/drivers. Let us start the summer having a wonderful time together. When arriving, please introduce yourself as a member so that we may get to know you. Sometime during the event let us gather to take a chapter picture!

Unable to ride? No problem. Join the after party with DJ Joe Diaz spinning fabulous all-time favorite tunes. Do not be shy in telling DJ Joe what you want him to play for your thorough enjoyment. Food served until it lasts.

Unable to attend? Please consider donating money, raffle prizes, or joining the pre-planning effort of marketing and securing sponsors. Please look on SS Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. FACEBOOK page and/or contact Daisy Perez or Frank Labduzik.

Of course, there will be run t-shirts, door prizes, and raffles. We will also have a table promoting A.B.A.T.E. membership with noteworthy deals for new member sign-ups. Also, raffle tickets for the eight chances to win the A.B.A.T.E. State bike raffle drawing September 2, 2024.

What does TOPLESS TOUR support? Your right to right to CHOOSE head gear or sans the head gear. This worthy event helps to keep the SS Chapter of ABATE alive and promote a brotherhood aimed towards education (A.B.A.T.E.). Our mission is to preserve the universal right to a safe and unrestricted motorcycling environment. It will protect, conserve, and ensure recreational opportunities and enjoyment of resources for current and future generations. We need to unite in opposing detrimental legislative actions, such as, the State House Bill (HB5620) which requires helmets for motorcycles, mopeds, and motorcycle driven cycles. This bill is a prime example of what happens when people forget about you. A.B.A.T.E.'s influence at the State House continues to shrink due to lack of activity by A.B.A.T.E. members. Why are A.B.A.T.E. events important? It is to keep bills like this from happening and infringing on OUR rights.

Check the A.B.A.T.E. website weekly for legislative updates. Go online and fill out a witness slip on a WEEKLY basis. Go to the A.B.A.T.E. website and click on ADVOCACY then click on STOP HELMET BILLS. Highlighted instructions guide on how to properly fill out the slips. Call your representatives and tell them you OPPOSE this bill. Speak politely to the person taking your call.

The month of May is MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH. Communication was mailed to your village/city for their support of Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Proclamations that promote a positive attitude for all road users, regardless of the chosen mode of transportation. This is a chapter activity, and all members are encouraged to promote road safety for all vehicles. Are you attending your local government meetings? Do you keep informed of any political activities that might affect your right to decide choices that matter to you? To your lifestyle? Educate yourself and raise your voice against infringements on your rights!

Nick Savas

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois **South Suburban Chapter**

TOPLESS TOUR

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024 DOOR PRIZES

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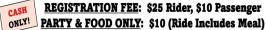
AFTER PARTY 3pm **MUSIC BY** DJ JOE DIAZ

Ride Starts & Ends at NEW LENOX AMERICAN LEGION 14414 Ford Dr., New Lenox, IL

9:00am - 10:15am REGISTER:

KICKSTANDS UP: 10:30am LAST BIKE IN: 3:00pm





SS-ABATE Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month - 7:00pm Glen Maker American Legion Post #1160, 10739 Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL

RENEW or JOIN SS-ABATE for just \$25/yr. or 5 years for \$100

ALL Attendees Participate At Their Own Risk

Contact Daisy (708) 516-6591 or Frank (708) 945-0081 for details



EXECUTIVE BOARD/BOD MEETINGS





DUKANE ABATE 38TH ANNUAL TOY AND FOOD RUN - OCT 13, 2024

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN ONE OF THE

BIGGEST MOTORCYCLE TOY \$ FOOD RUN 2024 **EVENTS IN ILLINOIS!**

THIS IS AN ALL DAY EVENT! WE MEET AT KNUCKLEHEADS TAVERN AT 9:30AM (ROUTE 47 & NORTH ST). HOT BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED BY RISE N' DINE WITH MUSIC ON THE STAGE. AT 12:30PM WE LEAVE ON A FULLY POLICE ESCORTED RIDE TO THE SYCAMORE SPEEDWAY! \$20/PERSON PLUS A TOY OR FOOD DONATION.

BURNOUT COMPETITION, GREAT FOOD, VENDORS, REFRESHMENTS, **MOTORCYCLES, & FUN!**





50/50 DRAW

100 Mile

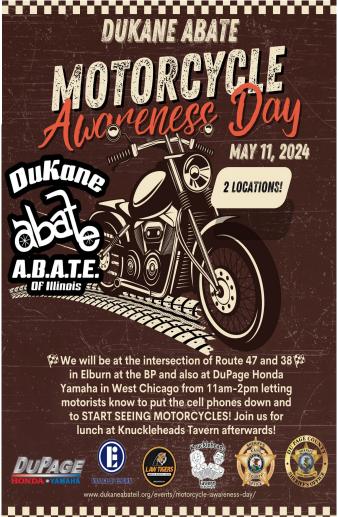














Hello from DuKane ABATE!

Motorcycle Awareness Month is here, and we've got a busy May ahead. We have already received Motorcycle Awareness Proclamations from Elburn,

IL and Wayne Township, IL with more on the way. Big thanks to Mayor Jeff Walter and Supervisor Randy Ramey for making communities aware to watch for motorcyclists!

On May 11th, it's DuKane ABATE Motorcycle Awareness Day. We'll be at 2 locations this year working with the Kane County Sheriff's Department, DuPage County Sheriff's Department, Elburn Police Department, and Carol Stream Police Department letting motorists know to put down the cell phones and start seeing motorcycles. From 11am-2pm, we'll be at Route 47 and 38 in Elburn at the BP Gas Station and at DuPage Honda and Yamaha on 64 and County Farm Road. Come out and join us for a day of making people aware that we're on the road and then join us for lunch afterwards at Knuckleheads Tavern in Elburn, IL.

ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day was a great day to talk with our Elected Officials in Springfield. DuKane ABATE was represented well with Mark Garrison, John Bloch, Nathan Klapatch, Chris Newman, Ken & Kathi Crowell, Harvey Goodwin, Danny Nelson, and Mike Slusarz in attendance. I appreciate them all taking time out of their busy schedules to be there while I was out at Volcano Harley-Davidson in Portland, OR. Floyd's Thirst Parlor was a gracious host, and we all had a great time working to preserve the rights, freedoms, and sport of motorcycling for motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties.

If you haven't heard the news, 7th Heaven will be rocking the Sycamore Speedway Stage this year at the 38th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run on October 13th! This is going to be an awesome event where we give back to our communities in DuPage and Kane County by collecting toys and food for chil-

dren in need. The event kicks off at 9:30am at Knuckleheads Tavern in Elburn, IL with breakfast provided by Rise N' Dine. Ten96 will also be jamming out. The DuKane ABATE Santa Girls will be there with a 50/50 raffle. The ride to the Speedway will be fully escorted and blocked by the Kane County Sheriff's Department and the after party will not only have 7th Heaven rockin' out, but will also see our famous burnout competition, vendors, and more. Get this event on your calendar now and help us help children in need!

I want to give yet another well deserved shout out to Safety & Education Officer Steve Waltz and Membership Officer Mark Garrison who continue to be in the classroom talking to students about motorcycle safety and awareness. They see hundreds of students a month, and thousands of students a year. This is incredibly important work to get in front of these younger and inexperienced drivers to make them aware. I absolutely appreciate their time and effort and we are proud to lead the state each year in these efforts.

Make sure to join us on May 21st for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. Come hungry as Melissa will be making her famous tacos! These meetings are incredibly important to attend as you will hear reports from all DuKane BOD Officers, and you will keep up to date on what is happening with motorcyclists' rights in DuPage and Kane Counties in 2024 as we work to preserve the legacy of motorcycling through resources, education, and political representation!

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







EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty

Greetings to all Liberty Chapter members and friends! This is our

May newsletter, which is usually the start of some great weather for riding, and as such some of you have already felt the warm spring breeze while out on the road. As you ride make sure you are ready for the road, and keep in mind the number one killer of Bikers is still alcohol, so please Ride Smart!

Last month saw our second event of the year, our Broomstick Pool tourney held at the Roadhouse, thanks to them for hosting our event. First place went to Scott Arnold and Second to our Prez Dennis Arnold. Thanks to all who participated. We had a visit from our brother from the former Old River chapter, Rick Wiley, who handed Liberty a check from the Old River coffers. Thank you for the donation, and welcome to any Old River members who would like to join Liberty chapter.

As I write this, we are still several days from one of the most important dates for ABATE of Illinois, our annual Legislative Day in Springfield. We hope to have a good turnout with the weather expected to cooperate. What is Legislative Day you might ask? This is en mass invasion of the Capitol in Springfield by Bikers, to talk to all the representatives there about our issues. With the recent attempt by Rep Didech to force us to wear helmets, we should have an energized day of

it. As a point of information, ABATE is not anti-helmet, just antigovernment telling us what to wear when riding.

We are planning for our big event this summer, our Backwoods Biker Bash, so please set aside the days of August 23-25. We will have a band on Saturday. Several new games are in the planning stage at this point, so come on out to the Moultrie Sullivan Jr. Fairgrounds and have a good time! Come on out to our next meeting on May 12 if you would like to find out more, provide input to the Bash, or any suggestions. We don't know what you like unless you tell us!

Events-

May 12 monthly meeting at the Mattoon Moose Lodge, 1:30

May 3-5 Freedom Fest, Mechanisburg, The Kampground

May 31-June 2 Rally in the Valley, Piatt County Fairgrounds

June 20-23 Abate of Illinois State Party-Petersburg , Menard County Fairgrounds

August 23-25 Backwoods Biker Bash

For the latest schedule updates please check out our Facebook page Liberty Abate.

Our mailing address is PO box 1502, Mattoon IL 61938

Joel Wannenmacher



STATELINE RIDERS

Hello, I hope you all are doing well

Let's jump into it, we had some date changes due to scheduling conflicts. This is a very good reason to follow our Facebook page.

The April meeting was changed to May, but it will have come and gone by the time you read this.

The State Line Riders fish fry is Saturday June 1st, 11:30-2:30 at Hoopeston Legion at 502 East Penn St.

Volunteers are needed to help make this easier for all involved.

June 22 is the Blake Kinnett Run. Sign up at 11 am at the Pump in Hoopeston. Kickstands up at noon.

August 10th at 1pm meeting at Kettles Bar in Roberts IL.

October 5th is fill the saddlebags at the Breadbasket food pantry in Watseka at 8am. Meeting at 11am at the Silo Pub. For those who don't know, it's the same building on Walnut Street.

Some of our lawmakers are still trying to push helmet laws. ABATE has been a force against this action. The bill has been sent back to the rules committee which is a good start to trying to stop this bill from becoming a law, get online at ABATE of Illinois to follow the progress of this.

Let your voice be heard.

Ride where you want, when you want, wearing what you want. Let those that ride decide.

Later. Frank

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



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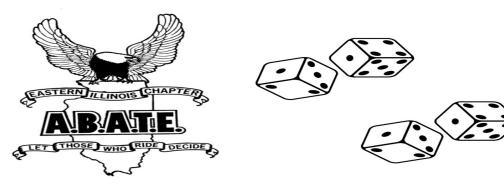
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SOUTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



Shawnee Hills Chapter

Shawnee Hills ABATE

Annual Reunion

May 18, 2024

(Pre Party Friday May 17, 2024)

At Hog Rock Campground Cave In Rock, Illinois

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

Followed by: Memorial for Ed "the electrician" Lancaster

Food, Raffles etc.

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

Event Fee: \$ 15.00

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June	7, 8.	2024	Darlington Canoe Festival	ton	•	Stock Car Races, & Beowulf M.C. 50th Summer Party
June	22, 23.	2024	Moto Blot Festival	Chicago Cedar-	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
June	29	2024	Cedar Inn	ville	ILL.	Cedar Fest & A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
	Not doing	2024	Corner Tap	Stockton	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
July	4th,	2024	Memorial Park	Stockton	ILL.	Fireworks display & July 4th, Celebration
July	5, 6, 7	2024	Crooked Roof	Lanark	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
July	12, 13, 14.	2024	Tutty Baker Days Festival	Freeport	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
July	18, 19, 20.	2024	Big "O's" on the Hollow	Freeport	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
	Not doing	2024	Stephenson County Fair	Freeport	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
Aug.	10	2024	Downtown	Freeport	ILL.	Cruise Night and the last push to sell tickets
	All Year	2024	Membership Sold	Freeport	ILL.	Membership has sold so far in this raffle year.
Sept.	6, 7.	2024	Lena Lions Fall Festival	Lena	ILL.	A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too!
						The first showing of the new bike for the 2024 year!

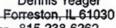
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5/05	Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz
5/06	
5/07	Freedom Riders
5/08	Will County
5/09	Heart of Illinois, St. Clair
5/10	
	Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders,
	Lamoine Valley, Backroads
5/11	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird,
	Freedom Valley, Liberty, Ten Mile Creek,
5/12	Kishwaukee Valley
5/13	
5/14	Midstate
5/15	Chicago
5/16	South Suburban
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