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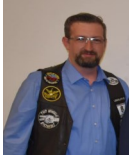
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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT



By Josh "SKI"  
Witkowski

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU – TO all of the members and Executive Board members who showed up for Legislative Day 2023. I've heard nothing but compliments from lawmakers and other lobbyists about our presence in the Capitol and the reception at Floyd's. Special thanks to Pauli Ward for holding down the base at the Capitol, Sharilyn Kibbler Russell for getting folks checked in and directing the free shirt hand outs (thanks to Brian Burton form getting them set up), Teri Smith & Julie Rowden for running the motorcycle photos, Howard Nation for selling tickets and bringing the bike, and of course Neal Toepfer, Chris Hansen, Dan Harper & Hunter John Harris for making sure our packets were put together properly and got out to lawmakers. Having a good team makes the work go easier and I can say that the **properly elected (not appointed) officers** of ABATE are coming together as a team in the likes that I haven't seen in a long time.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO KASKASKIA VALLEY ABATE – Their sizeable donation to legislative made the free t-shirts possible which made a sizeable impact on how ABATE was seen at the Capitol.

Speaking of the Capitol – *The following issues have been sent to legislative purgatory for the remainder of the year thanks to ABATE*; Noise monitoring on Lake Shore Drive which would've unfairly targeted motorcycles, a body armor ban which would've banned a majority of protective motorcycle gear, California emissions rules for IL vehicles which would subject IL riders to the rules of an unelected board in California & mandate all electric vehicles by 2035, and higher ethanol in fuels which is not suitable for motorcycle use. ABATE will need to be ready to defend against these issues next year as some of them are gathering support.

ABATE has 3 bills still in play, ask your lawmakers to sponsor or support:

**HB2582** – Removes a duplicative testing requirement on motorcyclists under 18. Riders under 18 would still be required to take the 20hr MSF course, but not required to test again at an SOS facility after having just passed a more rigorous test in the MSF class. SOS is supporting this measure.

**HB2231** – This bill would remove special legal protections from UBER and the like that shields them from legal liability. In 2017, an UBER driver turned left in front of 2 young riders in Springfield, killing them. If the driver had been working for any other company, the company would've been held liable, but since it was UBER, they were held blameless. HB2231 removes that protection and puts UBER on the same legal plane as taxi and freight companies.

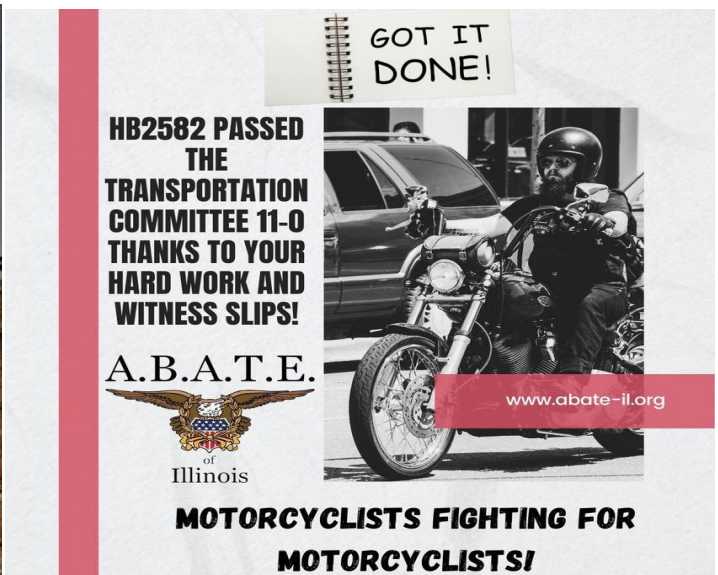
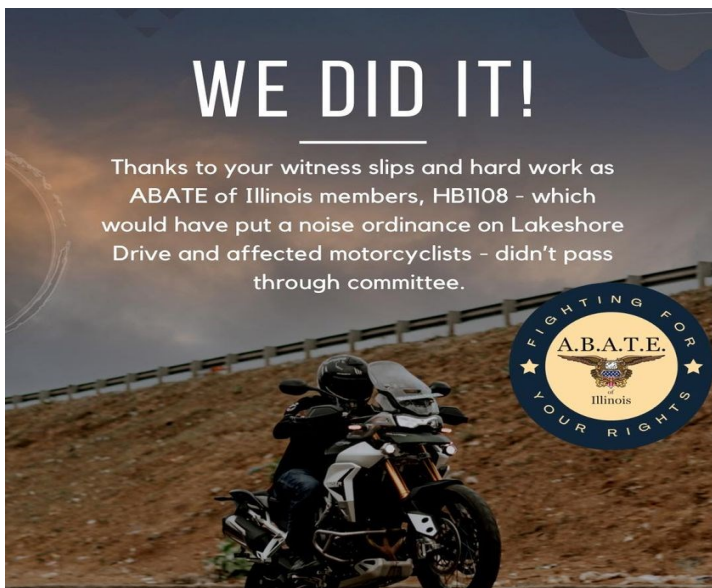
**SB896** – Legalizes Red LED underglow while braking, and legalizes LED insert turn signals, wrap around signals, and handlebar signals. Thanks to the Illinois State Police for helping us draft language on the issue.

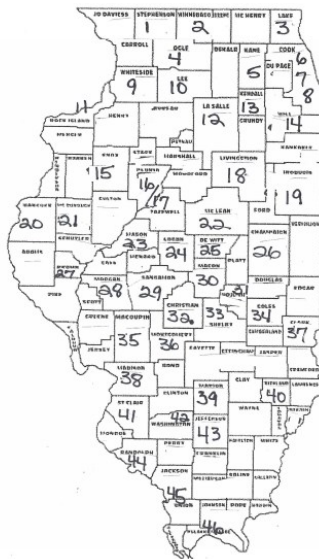
Motorcycle Safety Classes – ABATE has been working to recruit new regional training centers. I'm happy to report that conversations are proceeding nicely, and we hope to have big news in the coming months.

**Driverless cars are killing bikers** – ABATE is planning days of action to bring attention to the issue of driverless cars killing bikers. I first wrote a public piece about this issue 6 years ago, and it is beyond time to protect our Brothers and Sisters on the road.

## It's time to get loud ABATE, are you with me?

Josh "SKI" Witkowski





**Northwest Region Chapters**

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

**West Central Region Chapters**

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

**Southwest Region**

- Backroads-44
- 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**

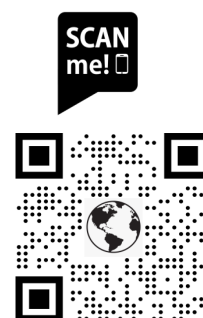
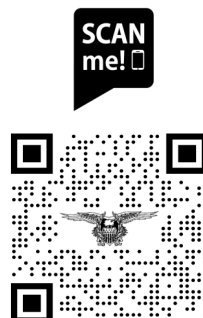
- Eastern Illinois-26
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- Heartland-18\*Closed as of 02/2023\*
- Liberty-34
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**What is ABATE?**

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



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State  
Coordinator

Hello Again A.B.A.T.E Members,

I would like to talk more about communication if I could. I've been sending out letters to businesses that have supported our chapters for a long time. Thanking them and letting them know how important they are to bikers' rights and our organization. I'm letting them know that not only is their local chapter grateful, but that all of A.B.A.T.E. is grateful as well. If you have a business that has supported you for a long time, reach out and let them know how much we value their support and send me their information so the state can also send them our appreciation as well.

On a sadder note, we lost a beloved member of A.B.A.T.E. Gus Miller who passed on 3/11/23. A long-time member of Heart of Illinois Chapter and a dedicated state board member. He ran the bike raffle forever. Running the raffle bikes from one end of this state to the other almost every weekend. He was a great promoter of A.B.A.T.E. When the state party was held, he was always transporting anything needed to set up and run the bike games. Gus truly believed in A.B.A.T.E and worked hard to make us better. He is gone but he will be up there on one of his beloved bikes watching over us. Gus, we will miss you.

**Bob "Mouse" Ellinger**



Assistant State  
Coordinator

It is getting closer to riding Season. Ok some have been riding already. Please just be safe and check your bikes out before you start riding.

Not much is going on right now for me for next year's State Seminar January 19th and 20th 2024 in Springfield Il. I would like to put out a challenge to ALL Chapters. This year we only had 25-chapter present. I would like for all the chapter be present at the seminar. So start making plans to be there.

**Scott "Scooter" Carter**



State  
Treasurer

We are a 501c4 – Educational Org.

We are a 501c4. A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc and it's subordinate organizations (chapters) are loaded with enthusiastic unpaid volunteers who "educate". We educate kids in the classroom; adults who read bumper stickers and politicians from townships to the Governor. Our mission is to promote Motorcycle Rights.

We are not a front to raise funds for non-motorcycle organizations. We are not a charity or a fraternal organization. We are not registered under the Illinois Attorney General Charity and Trusts Act.

We support, sponsor and encourage many charities. We are NOT a charity. **Always a Pleasure, Paul Truax**



OFFICE  
MANAGER

Notice to all members: A heads up - you will be receiving a letter in the mail from American Income Life Insurance. This is the company that carries our \$3000 Accidental Death Insurance. They are hoping to be able to continue coverage for our membership, and in order to do that, we need to help them out if possible. The letter will be self-explanatory.

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Safety and Ed  
Coordinator

**SPRING IS HERE!**

Many Riders ride all year round while others are busy getting their Bikes and Trikes out of Storage. We are all anxious to twist that throttle and put the wind in our face. We sometimes overlook a few things being eager to ride, but we want to keep our heads in the sky and keep the rubber on the road. Here's a simple Checklist that applies to EVERYONE...



**T - CLOCK CHECK LIST.**

- T - Tires & Wheels.
- C - Controls/Levers/Cables/Hoses/Throttle.
- L - Lights/Battery/Lenses/Reflectors/Wiring/Headlamps.
- O - Oil/Levels/Leaks.
- C - Chassis/Frame/Suspension/Chain/Belt/Drive/Fasteners.
- K - Kickstand/Centerstand/Sidestand..

Please take the time to inspect your Bike or Trike before you hit the road and ride.

Our State Wide School Safety & Education Presentations are coming along. We have more Members stepping up in different Chapters eager to give it their all... Please remember that we can give S & E Presentations to Anyone, Anywhere in the State of Illinois. Children to Adults, Schools, Businesses, Places of Work.

By raising motorists' awareness, both drivers and riders will be safer sharing the road.

Remember Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May. Please plan to attend the Freedom Rally on May 7th, 2023. 8am - 2pm. Illinois IDOT Building. I will have T - Clock Check List Cards to give you if you desire. Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities from 01/01/2023 - 03/30/2023 is at # 9...

Defensive Driving or Riding is a good rule of thumb. Stay Safe and keep your face in the wind and rubber on the ground.

**John "Fireball" Anderson, Safety and Education State Coordinator**



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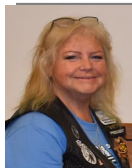
Thank you all who came and spent time with ABATE of Illinois Products. Thank you also to all the folks who helped set up and tear down.

Looking for ideas and suggestions for products.

please send to [products@abate-il.org](mailto:products@abate-il.org). No promises but will look into the possibilities.

See you all again soon at the Freedom Rally. Stop by to see a couple of new things besides the event shirt.

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**Activities  
Coordinator**

We have had an amazing ride so far with activities everything's very busy and moving right along with the help of a **TEAM A.B.A.T.E.!!!** I am very grateful for all the great help since taking over; things are finally smoothing out for a **SUCCESSFUL YEAR!** The E-Board teaming up has made a huge difference and was instrumental in the success of events.

We had the swap meet at The Orr Building in Springfield at the State Fairgrounds, and we had a nice day, beautiful weather, great turnout and the vendors were very happy they sold a lot. We could use more bike parts if you know of anybody looking to sell and would like to bring them to our swap meets. We have a lot of firm commitment for the next round I want to thank everybody that came early and stayed late; Lincoln Land Chapter had a huge turnout to help since that is their home turf. We had a wonderful support from clubs and that was amazing to see. IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) was there with valuable resources for riders. We did have a few that were no show and no call, so moving forward if they were a no call and no show they will have to prepay in advance to reserve a spot. I can see next year being even bigger! Everybody had a great time. We're geared up for the annual Freedom Ride which will be May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in Springfield at the north parking lot of IDOT, anyone that's available to help early and would like to come **AT 7AM** please do! **THERE IS** a warm-up party "Freedom Fest" that Lincoln Land Chapter members are putting together. Please check the flyers in April newsletter for times of upcoming events. We will be riding into the State Capitol at the Lincoln side. Next event on our agenda besides our monthly meetings and bi monthly meetings we have the Abate of Illinois State Party June 22-25, 2023 at the Menard County Fairground in Petersburg IL. If you have not been there before; this is a great fairground to visit. They are currently in the process of building a new pavilion this year that will have a stage housed in it; this well be great to get out of the weather. Also more electricity sites available for campers so... if you're needing electrical/non electrical campsites, or are in need of renting a golf cart for the week please call Pauli at the **ABATE of IL - State Office:** (309) 343-6588 or Toll Free: (800) 87-ABATE (800) 872-2283.

***Admissions tickets will also be available on wild apricot for pre sales/ tickets.***

We have a great and exciting weekend planned with vendors, adult games, beverages prizes, a great lineup of bands Thursday night will be DJ, and then country on Friday, Rock on Saturday along with... rides, rodeo and adult fun. We have blasted advertising everywhere! Social media has been great and Chris Hansen, State PR Coordinator has done an outstanding job with that.

Please watch for the flyer; print it off and share it with everybody you know. Forward it on Facebook and share it (SHARE, SHARE, SHARE!!!) and you will also see it in the state paper for the next few months. I am so excited I think this is going to be a **GREAT PARTY. EVERYONE IS INVITED, COME OUT AND ENJOY THE WEEKEND!**

Again thank you for all the love and support and Special Thanks to our Executive board,

**Ride safe, Ride Free  
Sharilyn Kibler-Russell  
State Activities Coordinator**



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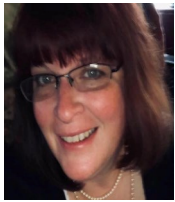
Articles due **APRIL 8TH, 2023** for the **MAY 2023 PRINTED** issue of the newsletter. Thank you to the Chapters that submit articles and keeps us updated with the news and events around the state. If you have updated logos that you would like to use in the newsletter please email me. You are welcome to send photos and I will post if there is room, please limit the number of photos on printed issues.

**Sonya Link,  
ABATE of Illinois Newsletter Coordinator.**



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Hello Friends,

It was great to see everyone at the Swap Meet. I hope some of you found that special item you wanted to kick off the riding season with.

It was good to see everyone at Legislative Day.

The meetings for this Month are:

April 15, 2023

Executive Board at 10:30am Board of Directors at 1:00pm

Held at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center.

**We have three chapters that have been requested to attend for charter review.**

**Pathfinders**

**State Line Riders**

**Windy City**

I hope to see all of the chapters represented at the April board meeting.

**Ride safe,  
Teri Smith  
Secretary**



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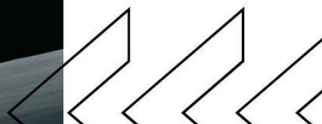
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**From the Website Manager:**

At the Board of Directors meeting, I was appointed the new Website Manager for abate-il.org I will be working with XLN Services to continue to develop and maintain our new website. We have some projects already in the works, one being developing an easier way for members to renew their membership online. I will also be setting up chapter pages on the new site. What I need is for a chapter officer to email me, the chapter logo, links to any current sites or pages, If you can give me a brief history and or description of the chapter, an officer list and pictures from events. It would be great to have all the chapters together on one site to share information. I will also be adding chapter events to the new site. Please send me chapters event flyers (.jpeg format please) and I will add them to our events calendar on the site.

Please send any ideas or suggestions to me at [secretary@abate-il.org](mailto:secretary@abate-il.org).

I look forward to this new adventure and working with everyone.

Teri Smith

**ABATE State Calendar for 2023**

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

April 15 April 21-22	E-Board and BOD meetings Heartland STEAM (Bismarck ND)
May 6 May 7 May 15-16	E-Board Meeting (Ramada Inn (across from the Northfield Inn) Freedom Rally Bikers in the Beltway
June 17 June 22-25	E-Board and BOD meetings State Party
July 15	E-Board Meeting
August 19	E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations)
September 4 September 16 September 21-24	Bike Raffle Drawing E-Board Meeting Meeting of the Minds (Harrisburg PA)
October 21	E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations)
November 18	E-Board meeting
December 16	E-Board and BOD meetings (elections) Christmas Party





**Proposed By-Law Amendment**

Article 4, Section 5 Officers (page 9 of the By-laws)

The proposed addition / change to this section would cause it to read as follows:

*Section 5. Officers. Officers of the corporation shall consist of all coordinators including State Coordinator, Assistant State Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Coordinator, Public Relations Coordinator, Safety and Education Coordinator, Legislative Coordinator, Newsletter Coordinator, Regional Coordinators/ Co Coordinators, Products Coordinator/ Co Coordinators, Bike Raffle Coordinator and Office Manager. The Board of Directors shall elect these officers and other officers, as it shall deem necessary, with exception of the Office Manager, which is an employee position and appointed by the Board of Directors. Such Officers shall have the authority to perform the duties prescribed in these bylaws. Any two (2) or more offices may not be held by the same person. The officers will not be voting members of the Board of Directors. In the event of a tie vote of the Board of Directors, the State Coordinator may cast the tie-breaking vote.*

**No Officer of the Corporation shall be employed by or receive contractual revenue from any national motorcycle rights organization.**

**Submitted to the Committee January 20, 2023**

**Read Before the BOD February 11, 2023**

**Published in March and April Newsletters**

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



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Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters!

April is here and that means riding weather. I hope that you all have a Blessed Easter with friends and family and that you get out and get some awesome wind therapy under your belts. There are plenty of chapter events out there to attend, so accumulating those miles shouldn't be difficult!

Are you ready for Motorcycle Awareness Month? I hope so, because May is almost here! The Proclamations are on the website for cities, towns, and villages. You can find them at <https://www.abate-il.org/Bylaws-&-Forms>. These are very important for our organization to get from your communities. It puts the word out there that motorcycles are back out on the roads in Illinois and brings awareness to motorists to keep their eyes open for us. Be sure to post all the ones that you acquire on your social media and/or website. I look forward to seeing them all come in, and we will be asking Governor Pritzker for one again this year.

Yard signs are ordered! We have gone in a different direction with them in an attempt to change things up. For years we've had yellow yard signs and the new signs will now be a bold white in order to stick out to passing motorists. 1,000 of these have been ordered and will be available to chapters for purchase. The price will be a little higher than previous signs due to the rising cost of products, but we are trying to keep the price as low as possible for chapters. Be sure to grab yours at the BOD Meetings to take back to your chapters and get them out around your communities! It is beyond important to spread the word of



- ✓ **T** Tires. Check air pressure, wheels, brakes and spokes.
- ✓ **C** Controls. Check levers, hoses, cables and throttle.
- ✓ **L** Lights and electrical switches. Make sure all are working properly.
- ✓ **O** Oil and fluids. Check oil, coolant and hydraulics. Look for leaks.
- ✓ **C** Chassis. Check drive train, chain and suspension. If you add a passenger, adjust accordingly.
- ✓ **S** Side stand (Kickstand). Make sure spring and stand operate reliably.



### START SEEING MOTORCYCLES!

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

- ABATE of Illinois EBOD/BOD meetings on April 15<sup>th</sup> Heartland S.T.E.A.M. (hosted by ABATE of North Dakota) on April 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ABATE of Illinois Freedom Rally on May 7<sup>th</sup>
- ABATE of Illinois State Party on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Something to keep your eye out for is pre-registration for the ABATE of Illinois State Party on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> at the Menard County Fair in Petersburg, IL. That option will be available soon at <https://www.abate-il.org/event-5177547>.

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

Until next month, Ride Safe – Ride Free

**Chris Hansen**

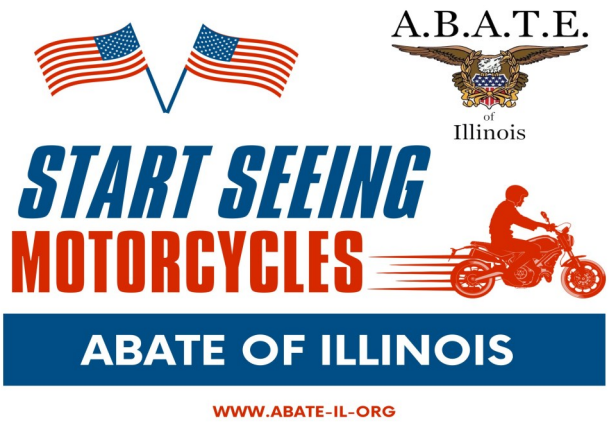
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JUNE 22-25, 2023



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## NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: ROBERT RUDELL

No article submitted.



## NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

March has arrived with the typical ups and downs in our weather. Riding season for some has started, for others it's still a few weeks away.

Legislative Day is coming up fast, the Northeast Region needs to be well represented in Springfield that day. Several bills that affect motorcyclists have been introduced and are on the move. Two bills submitted (HB 1108 we oppose and HB 2582 we support) needed witness slips filed...thanks to those of you who submitted witness slips last week. We will be addressing other legislators throughout the stat seeking their support for our positions as they move to the house floor.

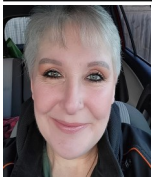
By the time you read this, Will County's Indoor Winter Triathlon will be over. I hope you were able to attend and have some fun.

Our next Region meeting will take place on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 12PM ahead of the DuKane Chapter bowl-a-thon at Bowlero Glendale Heights.

On Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, Northern Chapter is holding it annual Chili Cook-Off. The event will be held at Harbor Brewing in Lake Villa at 6 PM.

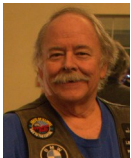
I hope to see everyone in Springfield!

**Rich Gruner**  
NE Region Coordinator



## WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: APRIL JONES

No article submitted.



## SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB STOUT

No article submitted.

## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

Southwest Region

The James "Legs" Korte Memorial Marble started February 1, 2023 and will end on September 30, 2023 with a party at the Nashville VFW. If you need a book, contact a chapter in the Southwest Region.

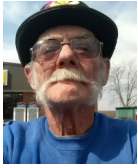
Shoal Creek is having there Fallen Riders Hog Roast on April 28, 2023 at the Vandalia Lake Club. Contact any member of Shoal Creek for more information. Piasa-Gateway started there Shake Ur Bones Run on April 1, 2023 and will end on September 23, 2023 with a party at the Wood River Eagles. Contact any member of Piasa-Gateway for a book.

Other chapters will be having events in the near future so check out the Southwest Region Facebook group for more information.

I can feel spring in the air, with that be said it is time for our motorcycles to come out of there winter homes. Before you take that first ride of the year make sure to do a T-clock on you bikes.

**As always Be safe and be seen.**  
**Martha**

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## EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: WILLIAM "HOWDY" MILLS

Howdy ECR! Hope everyone is doing good. About that time of year again when bikes are among us, hope you went through your safety check. Tires, battery, brakes, lights, oil change, and all necessary parts/equipment are in working order. Don't forget the leathers too! A good soaking in neat's foot oil keeps it water proof and very pliable.

I have been out and about to chapter events, and I am very proud of my region! Ten Mile Creek had 7 different chapters represented, Eastern's broomstick had 6 chapters represented, and Heart of Illinois bags tournament had 4 chapters represented. This is something that needs to continue, chapters helping support chapters!

Many thanks to our new State Coordinator "Mouse" for attending these events also. I am also hoping to attend at least one event or chapter meeting of ALL the chapters in my region this year. So send me your event or chapter meeting date/time/location please. I will do my best to attend. **Remember Watch out for the other Guy!**

Ride Safe, William "Howdy" Mills



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### **RADAR LOVE ON A BIKE**

**Q:** I have a radar detector mounted on my bike, and I ride through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois a lot. A friend told me that they were illegal. I know that jammers are illegal, but I thought that detectors were ok. What's the situation? Freedom of the Road Riders Member.

**A:** First, let's define our terms. A radar detector is used by motorists to detect if their speed is being monitored by police or law enforcement so the driver can reduce the car's speed before being ticketed for speeding. An active laser jammer sends out its own radar wavelength to defeat a radar detector. To jam police laser guns, laser jammers first must detect the light emitted by a police officer's laser gun - normally infrared light on the 904 nm wavelength. After detecting the radar detectors gun's light, the jammer will send out light on the same wavelength at a higher intensity, effectively confusing the gun into returning a no speed reading.

In general, radar detectors are legal across the US, with the exception of Virginia, Washington DC, and on military bases. In Canada, the only three provinces that allow the use of radar detectors are Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. However, radar detectors are illegal in all commercial vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds anywhere in the US.

Laser jammers are legal in most states, except for Nebraska, Minnesota, Utah, California, Oklahoma, Virginia, Colorado, Illinois and Washington, D.C. So watch out in Illinois with your laser jammer, but it is clear riding in Ohio and Indiana.

### **A HITCH WITH YOUR MOTORCYCLE HITCH**

**Q:** We have received several calls, from both Ohio and Illinois, regarding trailer hitches. One writer in Illinois asked for an opinion regarding a police officer who is warning drivers of pickup trucks and SUVs that they need to remove their ball & mounts from their Reese Receiver Hitches, or he will ticket them. I heard from a trucking company that McLean County Illinois has a 'County Ordinance' forcing removal of hitches. Is that even possible? What about hitches on motorcycles?

**A:** We researched this matter regarding motorcycles and believe the following comments apply only to cars and trucks, and that the hitch concerns do not apply to motorcycles, since bikes aren't required to have bumpers - at least yet. We did the research on this question and found the following:

Section 12-608 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/12-608) (IVC) reads, in pertinent part:

(a) It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 9,000 pounds or less or any motor vehicle registered as a recreational vehicle under this Code on any highway of this State unless such motor vehicle is equipped with both a front and rear bumper.

Section 1-106.5 of the IVC (625 ILCS 5/1-106.5) defines "bumper" as: Any device or system of devices protruding from and attached to the front and rear of a motor vehicle that has been designed to be used to absorb the impact of a collision. For the purposes of this Code, a bumper also includes a device or system of devices similar in design to those with which new motor vehicles are equipped.

A protruding hitch bar is clearly not "designed to ... absorb the impact of a collision." In fact, it interferes with the protection a rear bumper might otherwise provide both to the vehicle being struck and the object striking that vehicle. Thus, a court could reasonably find that a vehicle operated with a protruding hitch bar is in violation of §12-608 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Sections 11-208 & -208.1 of the IVC (625 ILCS 5/11-208 & -208.1) allow units of local government to enact local ordinances that are not inconsistent with the Vehicle Code. Accordingly, local authorities could ticket drivers of vehicles with a protruding hitch bar based on the Vehicle Code and would not need a local ordinance. If such an ordinance were enacted, it does not appear to be inconsistent with the Vehicle Code. We will cover Indiana and Illinois in a future column.

### **TOP THREE WAYS MOTORCYCLISTS GET SCREWED BY SOME INSURANCE COMPANIES**

There are some very important differences between your auto insurance coverage and your motorcycle insurance coverage. Here are the top three.

1. Let's say you want to test ride a motorcycle that your neighbor has for sale and that neighbor has no motorcycle insurance on the test ride motorcycle. You remember your agent telling you that you have automatic insurance coverage for a newly acquired vehicle and you believe that would apply to a "newly acquired" motorcycle. Unless you have a current motorcycle policy in force, you are uninsured if you test ride that motorcycle -- even though you have auto insurance coverage. But no problem if you were test driving an auto - you would have coverage in that situation. The problem only surfaces with motorcycles.

2. You test ride the neighbor's uninsured motorcycle and crash into another vehicle. You would have coverage for the personal injury that you have allegedly caused under the newly acquired policy provision in your policy, but you would not have coverage if you test rode your stepson's motorcycle who lives with you. His status as a resident in your home disqualifies coverage for you in that case under most motorcycle insurance policies.

3. While on a test ride of your neighbor's motorcycle, you bring a friend. You are in the showoff mode, lose control, and injure your passenger. She sues you. Do you have coverage? Yes, under your motorcycle policy, but only if you have elected passenger coverage. Notice that extra steps are not required in auto policies. That same coverage for auto passengers is automatic. How is that fair?

A real motorcyclist's insurance company would eliminate the discriminatory provisions discussed here, which adversely affect motorcyclists only and conform those motorcycle policies to what is given in automobile policies. The first insurance company to take that measure will have my vote.

NOTE: IN ALL CASES YOUR INSURANCE POLICY SHOULD BE REVIEWED AS THERE ARE COVERAGE DIFFERENCES FROM POLICY TO POLICY. OUR COMMENTS HERE ARE AN OVERVIEW OF THE ISSUES.

**ABATE RIDER INSTRUCTORS SAVED THIS TOWN!**

Sometime ago, I attended ABATE of Indiana's Motorcycle Safety Division Annual Awards Banquet. We thank those instructors for all they do for the motorcycle safety program. Prior to these programs, most states had no effective motorcycle safety training program. In short, beginning riders were given a pink slip and told to practice on the highways and byways of this country. If they survived thirty (30) days or so, someone would examine their riding skills learned the hard way. The resulting plan was - if they die, they die. ABATE and its cadre of dedicated safety instructors and supporters of state funded

programs changed all that.

Over the years, I have wondered how many lives have been saved by safety instructors. With that in mind, I asked those in charge if they could statistically calculate the number of lives saved in Indiana since that program was started. The answer was at least 1000 lives since the program was started in 1986. And even if it were only one, the effort would have been worth it. If you accept the Indiana statistic as an average for each state (Indiana is average in population), it can be argued that over 50,000 lives have been saved because of the influence of rider training in each of the 50 states. That is also the size of the average town in this country, so it is very cool for us to be able to say that our instructors saved (the equivalent of) that town.

**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](mailto:RodTaylor@abatelegal.com). © 2023.

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**APRIL 21ST & 22ND 2023**

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**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MRF - NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION**

A \$50 fee before April 10th (\$60 after & at the door) includes conference materials, socials, lunch and banquet.  
Ramada Room Rate \$99 until April 7th includes breakfast. For more info call ABATE of ND 701-223-5609 or [www.abatend.com](http://www.abatend.com)

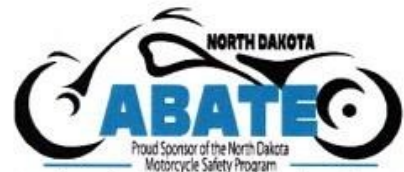
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teach me and I may remember,  
involve me and I learn.”**



# Heartland STEAM

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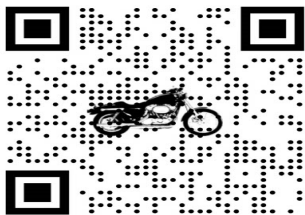
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April 3	Marshall	American Legion	Queen of Hearts Drawing
April 8	Moonshine	Moonshine Store	Lunch Run
April 16	Hannibal Mo	Admiral Coontz Cntr	TBL Motorcycle Swap Meet
April 22	Mt Vernon	Roadhouse H/D	Kyle Price Memorial Ride
April 29	Pekin	Avanti's Dome	Biker's Bazaar
May 7	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fair-ground	TBL Motorcycle Swap Meet
May 12	Springfield	Koo Koo 2	Summer Thunder
May 19-20	Sycamore	Sycamore Speedway	Flat Track Racing
May 26-29	Savanna	Poopy's	Memorial Day Weekend
June 2-4	Leaf River	Leaf River Daze	ABATE Awareness
June 9-11	Darlington WI	Lafayette County Fair	Stock Car Races
June 17	Marseilles	Downtown	Freedom Run
June 22-25	Lanark	Crooked Roof	Bike Night & Old Settler Day
July 1-2	Stockton	Corner Tap	ABATE Awareness
July 4,	Stockton	Memorial Park	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration
July 7-9	Freeport	Downtown	Tutty Baker
July 16	Plano	American Legion	Car Show
July 20-22	Freeport	Big O's on the Hallow	ABATE Awareness
July 25-28	Freeport	Fair Grounds	Stephenson County Fair
July 29	Sandwich	Downtown	Car Show
July 30	Sycamore	Downtown	Car Show
Aug 4-5	Forreston	City Park	Sauerkraut Day
August 6-11	Belvidere	Fairgrounds	Boone County Fair
August 12-13,	Mendota	Downtown	Sweetcorn Festival
August 16-20	Fairbury	Fairgrounds	Fairbury Fair
August 25-27	Tonica	Downtown	Jeep Jam & Car Show
Sept 1-3	Springfield	State Fair-grounds	Springfield Mile

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# NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Starved  
Rock  
Chapter

\*\*\*New for 2023: The meeting begin at 12:30pm\*\*\*

## What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

We had our meeting on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> at Softails in Ladd. Softails is owned by Starved Rock Chapter member and supporter Noreen Griffin. Noreen had a chicken buffet dinner along with salad, and fries. Everyone enjoyed the food! Thanks Noreen! We had 41 members and 1 guest at the meeting. Door prizes were awarded to James "Doc" Welther, Dennis Becker, and Linda Brandt. Dave Z. won the membership drawing and donated \$40.00m to the chapter! Thanks Dave! Don Jackson won the MRF membership. Activities Officer Marci H. had a sign up sheet and collected money for the Spring Fling. Please contact her ASAP to get signed up and pay for your meal! \*\*See Upcoming Events Below for more information\*\* PR Officer Sherri Dober handed out Proclamations for "May as Motorcycle Awareness Month". Thanks to everyone who is helping with the proclamations! Dan showed the new "Start Seeing Motorcycle" banners. He took orders for 10 more banners! He orders them from a place in Texas and they seem to be a good deal. Hopefully they will holdup through the brutal summer weather!

## Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

Meeting April 2, 2023 at 12:30 at Stone Jug BBQ in Peru. The kitchen will be open.

Spring Fling Saturday May 6, 2023 at Jack's Tap in Spring

Valley. A brief meeting will be held at 5pm. There will be a chicken buffet for \$20.00/per person. Contact Marci if you haven't signed up yet! Please call her and arrange for payment ASAP! Contact Marci at (815)-866-9579 to sign up/pay. THANKS! It's important to have a head count so they can have enough food for everyone. Southern Breeze will be the entertainment. It would be greatly appreciated if members could collect gift cards or other donations to give away at the Spring Fling and to use as prizes at the Membership Run in June. Please call Marci to make arrangements to get prizes to her. Thank you in advance.

**Sunday May 7, 2023 Blessing of the Bikes at Stonehead Leather in Utica.** There will be two ceremonies: The first at Noon and the other at 1:30. We will have a booth setup for membership and to sell ABATE of Illinois Bike Raffle tickets. Stonehead is owned by Starved Rock ABATE members Keith and Darsi Arwood.

**Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> Membership Run will begin at Blue Collar Bikes in Spring Valley.** More details to come.

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 may also place orders with products officer Kari Brown as well.

You may follow Starved Rock ABATE on Facebook!

Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Officer



Twin  
Rivers  
Chapter

We had a pretty good turnout for our February meeting and got our calendar set for the year.

Kevin & Jennifer Baumgartner sold bike raffle tickets at the Princeton Swap meet and did very well.

Odie brought his 2nd place trophy from the Chili Shootout for all to see and we congratulated both he and Jennifer who won the People's Choice Award.







Our 15th Annual Swap Meet was held on February 26 and we had a great turnout for it. Thank you to John Laschinski for all your hard work to get everything lined up for it. There were about a dozen people who came on Saturday afternoon to set up and they included John, myself, Kevin & Jennifer, Pam & Kevin, Scottie, Odie, Chuck, Gary & Mike. We had 45 tables to get organized and with all the great help it didn't take long. If I missed anyone who helped set up, sorry! The day of the meet we arrived about 6am and helped the vendors bring in their goods to sell. In our chapter we had Jack Gross, Mike Nearing, Penny Bicek, Kevin & Pam Rossler, Doc Farrell, Chuck Manon and myself who were vendors. Kevin & Odie sold state bike tickets and gave out information about ABATE. Our State Coordinator and other chapter members were also there to support us. So Thanks to you all for coming to our fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be at Nick's Tap in Rock Falls on April 16th at 1:00

**One of our founding chapter members, Bill Provance passed away in November. There will be a Celebration of Life on May 6th at the Princeton Moose Lodge at 11 am. The family has requested you wear your Harley attire.**

Kat Conner



## WELCOME TO SPRING

I hope the weather is cooperating and you have had a chance to get the bike out for a ride.

The Freeport Chapter held it's 37th Anniversary Party on March 18th. A lot has happened in the last 37 years. ABATE has gotten a lot of motorcycle friendly bills passed, and held off all helmet bills thrown at us thanks to your hard work. We are still fighting "the man" on some issues. From noise issues, to discrimination, to the new off road issues we are still fighting for our rights.

Our Chapter membership numbers, and the membership statewide, are dropping significantly. Our older members are becoming burned out. We need new members to keep the organization working like a well oiled clock. If you have friends who ride, talk to them. Tell them the benefits of being an ABATE member. Keep some membership applications in your saddle bags in case you meet someone on the road. If you sign up 10 members in a year you get a free membership for yourself.

On April 15th Kishwaukee Valley is holding their annual "Gonzo Memorial Blood Drive" at Kegel's Harley Davidson in Rockford. If you are a donor, or would like to become one you can call RRVBC @ 1-815-965-8751 to make an appointment, or just walk at Kegel's from 10am-3pm. Kishwaukee Valley and Kegel's have some great prizes for you, and then there are the COOKIES. It's a great feeling to help save a life.

Our Chapter has some fun events planned for this summer starting with our "Run to the Capitol" ride on May 6th. This run goes to Springfield on Saturday, a stay overnight for the Awareness Rally on Sunday, then home. The 6th of May is also the Woman's International Ride Day. All you need to do is ride. There is no registration, or cost, JUST RIDE in solidarity with thousands of women around the world. See our flier in the Soft-Tale. Next is our Memorial Run on May 13th. This ride honors the fallen Freeport Chapter members. Sign up at Logan's, 1825 S. West St. from 11am to noon. Coleen has put together a poster with pictures of many of the fallen members, come check it out. Our "Bark at the Moon" run is July 22. There will be more info on that ride to come. We are doing our Mann-iac Books again this year. They will be available at the March meeting. There are 24 stops and all summer to do them Cost is \$15 for a full summer if fun. There is also a "Riding in Memory" ride in Pecatonica on May 20th. There is a breakfast, bagpipes, reading of the names of fallen friends and family members, and a group ride leaving at noon. This is NOT an ABATE event, but it is a great way to remember friends and families. For more info on this event call Laurie Burkhart @ lburk92979@ yahoo.com.

The National Motorcycle Museum is closing it's doors for good in September. Our Chapter is discussing doing a group ride to Anamosa, IA some time this summer. This is also a stop on our Mann-iac ride. More information will follow, or check out our website at [www.freeportchapterabate-il.com](http://www.freeportchapterabate-il.com).

Our Chapter's summer meetings, starting in May, will be outside at Riviera Park, 4513 S. Cranes Grove Road, in Freeport. They still start at 12:30, and it is BYOB and snacks.

Stop into a meeting and see all that is going on, meet new friends, and ride, ride, ride.

Ride Safe, Becky



**Open  
Roads  
Chapter**

**OPEN ROADS ABATE**

What a feeling as we all think about the beginning of riding season once

again! Make sure you, your passenger, and your bike are in tip top shape. Open Roads Chapter and members are looking forward to spring and the events being planned for the summer - visiting other chapters, participating with events, windshield washing, motorcycle awareness month, bike safety programming, bike shows, and more.

By the time you read this, spring will have sprung. So...riding season...here we come. It's time to get your bikes out of storage, perform T-Clock, inspect safety features, and plan a ride every weekend.

**Membership** - Congrats to our members renewing their dues. 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.

**Safety & Ed** - Our Safety and Ed Chairperson, Lynn, has been working hard at several schools talking to the driver education classes at Plano, Somonauk, and Hinckley Big Rock about motorcycle safety and awareness. Thank you, Lynn.

**Summer Book 2023** - are available NOW for \$10 and are going fast. We made 312 books initially and they all have been spoken for so we have made 80 for books. The book promises to give you many riding adventures in our great Northwest Region. It also will bring enthusiasm and excitement to members as this is a way to network with other chapters, organizations, and communities and to get members riding. Some of the same places, some new places, but all "Go To" places to visit. You may get a book from any committee member - Frank Lorang, Bill & Sally Kolb, Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Kevin & Patti Smith, Cliff & Linda Oleson.

**Legislative Day** - March 22, some of our members were represented at Floyd's Thirst Parlor and the Capitol in Springfield that day. Summary and pic in next newsletter.

**Axe Throwing & Poor Boys** - Saturday, March 25 - Details and pic in next newsletter.

**Next Meeting** - Our April meeting will be on Saturday, April 29, 6 pm, Plano American Legion.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Spring Train Run** - April 8, make plans to come to this event for a great time. Arrive at Aurora Train Station by 9:45 am and enjoy an exciting day of fun and adventure, 50/50, games, cozies, t-shirts. Can you imagine ABATE members taking up a whole train car, filling up an entire bar, and walking the streets to get to our destinations as a lively group? Check it out on April 8.

**Motorcycle Awareness Month** - "Start Seeing Motorcycles" banners, proclamations, social media promos, windshield washing is what Open Roads ABATE members will be doing during May and all year long.

**Dinner Ride, May 3** - meet at Plano American Legion with KSU 6 pm, ride to Rambo's Bar & Grill in Somonauk and enjoy supper with friends and get a stamp in your Summer Book.

**ABATE Freedom Rally, May 7** - [join with hundreds of bikes from all around Illinois as we join together to take our stand for motorcycle rights.](#) Details will be forthcoming.

**Summer Book Ride, May 13** - first group ride for the season, meet at Southern Belle's in Yorkville for breakfast, KSU 9 am, and ride to Woodstock, Waterford, and Hebron for the day.

Enjoy a ride with friends and get more stamps in the Summer Book.

**Dinner Ride, May 17** - meet at Plano American Legion with KSU 6 pm, ride to Maddie's Place in Leland and enjoy supper with friends and get a stamp in your Summer Book.

**Windshield Washing, May 20** - project for Motorcycle Awareness Month, wash windshields at Plano BP at 204 E. South Street from 11 am to 1 pm.

**Summer Book Ride, June 4** - meet at Exquisite Skillet in Plano for breakfast, KSU 9 am, ride to Freeport, Lanark, Elizabeth, and Savanna for a day of riding, enjoying the scenery, riding with friends, and getting several stamps in your Summer Book.

**Upcoming events** include Memorial Day Ride, 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. You might be surprised what **opportunities** you may find.

Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity

**Pictures:**

Members met at Prohibition Junction Sports Bar & Grill in Oswego on February 26 to enjoy lunch with friends and to meet the owner of the newest stop in the Summer



Book. Pictured are Open Roads ABATE members Diana Rebechini, Kevin & Patti Smith, Mitch Busch, Cliff Oleson, Frank Lorang, Sharyl & Sam Mataya, Sally & Bill Kolb, and Kurt Gembeck.



Sam Mataya speaking to Open Roads ABATE members regarding legislature updates at the February 26 chapter meeting.

2023 Open Roads ABATE Summer Book - get yours now!



# NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



Northern Illinois Chapter

Northern Chapter Update 3.5.23

Northern Chapter held its most recent meeting on February 25th and welcomed Smoke, Cosy, and Ed to the group. Minutes for November and January were approved, no meeting minutes for December as we held our Christmas Party. Treasurer Kevin gave report and was given the quarterly membership rebate check for deposit. Our membership numbers do not match the report generated by Pauli, Diane is working with her to correct.

The BOD and Legislative report was given. Vicki and Rich are attending Legislative Day, others were encourage to attend.

Rep. Nabella Syed has introduced two pieces of legislation in her first six weeks that will benefit motorcyclists. Rich will invite her to our April meeting to speak.

Preparation continues for our March 25th chili cook-off and the first 2023 Walnecks swap meet. Flyers for both will be sent to the State PR Coordinator for use on our social media sites.

Donna has obtained more Northern gear. If anyone wishes to purchase t-shirts, hoodies or sweatshirts, please reach out to her. Items will also be sold at the cook-off to those in attendance.

Please join us for our Chili Cook-off at Harbor Brewing in Lake Villa, 6pm. No meeting that day.

Our next meeting: April 22nd, 11am at Doyle's Pub, Richmond IL.

Rich Gruner



Will County Chapter

April 2023

Thanks to everyone who attended our March meeting and a big welcome to our new members so far this year. As a reminder, our monthly meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Stone City V.F.W Post 2199. We will plan to have a small and informal meet up on the Sunday following the monthly meeting for those unable to attend the Wednesday meetings. The details for the Sunday events will be discussed at the monthly meetings and shared on our Facebook page, feel free to reach out if you need the details!

Again, any members interested in supporting our Safety & Education efforts, please reach out via email or join us at the next meeting.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Triathlon event and congratulations to the winners, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves!

The 2023 Book Run event will begin mid-April, the books should be available at the stops after April 15<sup>th</sup> pending volunteer availability.

We will be having a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Will County ABATE Chapter on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Zelmo's

Full Moon Saloon.

## Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events:

April 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm- monthly meeting, Stone City V.F.W Post 2199.

April 15<sup>th</sup> -the start of the 2023 Book Run, and books should be available at stop locations.

April 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm- Will County ABATE Chapter 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon.

May 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm- monthly meeting, Stone City V.F.W Post 2199.

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

\*Note- The Will County ABATE Chapter Events Facebook page will be removed and all communications on events and such will come from Will County Chapter, ABATE of Illinois. -As always, ride safe and we hope to see you at the next meeting!

Amanda Kelly



South Suburban Chapter

Howdy South Suburban Members, I hope you are all well and enjoying life

as it is, what with the high inflation and rising interest rates and national deb. I've talked in the past about the cost of each chapter above and beyond what ABATE OF ILLINOIS gives to each chapter. I have been with this chapter for two years. I transferred from the Southern DuPage Chapter after our charter was pulled for noncompliance with the bylaws by not attending the BOD meetings. I was a member and held no officer position, but I volunteered to drive our BOD representative/ president to all the meetings in Springfield. He cancelled attending, did not designate or ask anyone else to attend Not even the Zoom meetings on the phone. Subsequently, the members were polled, "SHOULD WE FIGHT TO KEEP OUR CHAPTER?" Of 170 members there we only nine positive responses. Consequently, a handful of members transferred to other chapters. ABATE OF ILLINOIS lost 160 members in

one day. The question of ABATE to automatically transfer members' status to member-at-large so that they may be sent a renewal notice to continue support for our cause is up to the ABATE BOD.

Therefore, to get to the nitty gritty. I am told South Suburban had a high of 1,500 members at one time. Two years ago, we were at 170. Today the member count is 129. Out of the dues each chapter receives \$3.00 for each member's renewal. Calculation breakdown, 129x\$3=\$387.00 a year.

In my previous chapter, the board voted to compensate the expense for fuel cost and one meal for the BOD Representative(s) traveling to Springfield six times a year. Does this seem fair for someone to spend a 12-hour day driving 400 miles round trip and arriving home after dark? I think so. What do you think? Are YOU willing to volunteer driving to Springfield, pay the expense out-of-pocket as your BOD Representative has been doing on your behalf?

Let us run the numbers, shall we?

Two meals at \$20.00 each = \$40.00

400 miles at \$3.80 per gal = \$95.00

\$135.00 x 6=\$810.00 per year

So now take \$810.00 minus \$387= \$423.00 in the hole!!!

I feel this is just common courtesy for those who devote their time and energy as we are all nonpaid members of this great organization.

ABATE OF ILLINOIS suggests running a fundraiser for one each of ABATE, ABATEPAC, FEDPAC, MRF, besides efforts to increase funds for the chapter.

Even though we all pay dues, we are all volunteers for our chapter to function as a viable organization. We all get something for our money when we attend an ABATE event. Camaraderie, games, food, music, raffles, and prizes. All this to raise funds and increase awareness, membership as opposed to those ads on television constantly bombarding us to give \$19.00 per month.

Consider this, the CEO of ASPCA, the animal rescue charity receives a salary of \$750,000.00 a year, 159 members received a

minimum of \$10,000 per year. They ask you for \$19.00 per month which calculates to \$228.00 your donation per year.

I encourage you to participate in our TOPLESS TOUR RUN scheduled for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Even if you don't ride anymore come for the food, music, and comradery.

I hope this gives you thought of how vital it is for your hands-on involvement for the survival of our chapter and motorcyclists' rights.

And it starts with attending and providing your input at meetings.

Chapter Membership meeting is on...

**Thursday, April 20, at 7:00p.m. SHARP**

**South Suburban A.B.A.T.E.**

*American Legion Post #1160*

*10739 S Ridgeland Avenue*

*Chicago Ridge, IL 60415*

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The Pub - Carol Stream, IL

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Chicago, IL

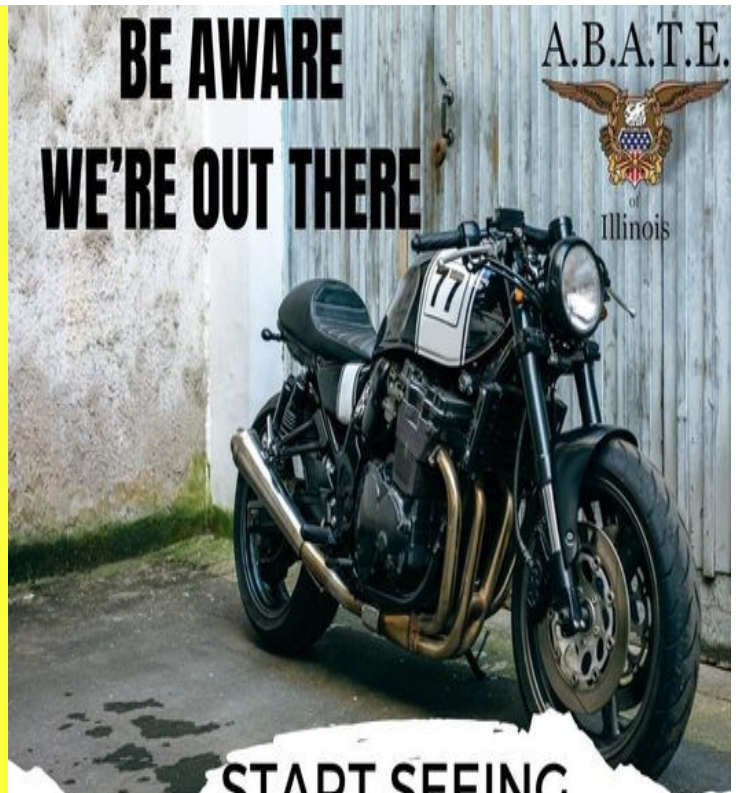
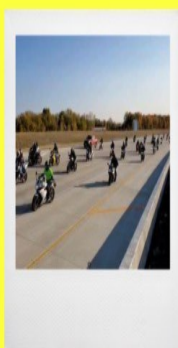
Knuckleheads Tavern - Elburn, IL

Maple Park Pub - Maple Park, IL

H-D Rockers - Maple Park, IL



Get out and support these businesses as they support motorcyclists! Those that don't do NOT deserve our hard earned money!



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Hello from DuKane ABATE!

April is here and what a great spring it has been already. We participated in ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day with Randy Ramey, Mark Garrison, Nathan Klapatch, John Bloch, and Chris Hansen in attendance speaking with our Elected Officials about numerous topics that affect motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane County. Also, the DuKane ABATE ABC – ABATE Bowling Classic was a huge success, and it was great to see our sister chapters in attendance. I commend Events Officer Chris Newman on a job well done, as always! We had a great time at the Will County ABATE Triathlon and enjoyed participating in their awesome event. If you have never attended this, you need to make sure you have it on your calendar for next year.

We continue to fight against Motorcyclist Profiling in DuPage and Kane County. The DuKane ABATE Chapter takes this issue very seriously and we will continue to work to eradicate this problem in our area. Currently, Nel's in Lisle, Otto's in Lombard, and DeMito's Saloon in Villa Park are all using Motorcyclist/MC Profiling Policies. We will continue to spread the word to motorcyclists to avoid these businesses as they do NOT deserve our hard-earned money. MCs should not be labeled as gangs or treated as such. MCs do more for our communities than most and need to be recognized for it. Boycott these 3 businesses when you're in the area!

Our next event coming up is Motorcycle Awareness Day on May 13, 2023. We will line up at the intersections of 47 & 64

and 47 & 38 in Elburn and team up with the Kane County Sheriff's Department and the Elburn Police Department to let motorists know to put the cell phones down and start seeing motorcycles from 11am – 3pm. Lunch will follow at a great supporter of DuKane ABATE, Knuckleheads Tavern in Elburn. If you're looking to help spread the word of Motorcycle Awareness, be at this event to do so!

We are already getting to work on Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamations coming up in May. We are excited to get [these every](#) year and spread the word of motorcycle awareness. It is important for us to do so in DuPage and Kane County and keep that message fresh in everyone's mind.

Make sure to join us on April 18<sup>th</sup> for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. These meetings are incredibly important to attend as you will hear reports from all DuKane BOD Officers, and you will keep up to date on what is happening with motorcyclists' rights in DuPage and Kane County in 2023.

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

DuKane Chapter of ABATE of Illinois President

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# DuKane ABATE

## Motorcycle Awareness Day

Saturday May 13, 2023



Join DuKane ABATE as we team up with the Kane County Sheriff's Department and Elburn Police Department to spread the message of putting cell phones down and stopping distracted

11am - 2pm driving!

Intersection of 47 & 38  
Intersection of 47 & 64  
Elburn, Illinois



# THE DUKANE ABATE 37TH ANNUAL TOY AND FOOD RUN

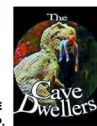
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REMEMBER - IT'S FOR THE KIDS  
ALL TOY AND FOOD DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TO LOCAL CHARITIES

THIS IS AN ALL DAY HAPPENING! WE MEET AT KNUCKLEHEADS IN ELBURN, RT 47 AND NORTH ST. 9:30AM. GREAT COFFEE IS ACROSS THE STREET AT THE CORNER GRIND. HOT BREAKFAST SERVED BY RISE N DINE. THE CAVE DWELLERS ARE ON STAGE. PARADE LEAVES AT 12:30 SHARP.



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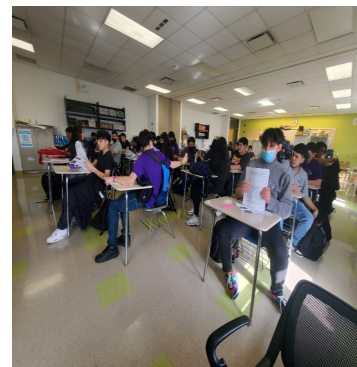
### Chicago ABATE Chapter

Can you feel that Spring is around the corner? Up here in the Chicagoland area you sure can start seeing it & hearing it. The roars of pipes are starting to be heard more & more. Bikes are slowly awakening from their winter slumber.

Chicago ABATE is on the air on Mondays @ 7pm. You can watch the dynamic duo of Cookie & PJ along with our awesome producer Oscar & many other members of the chapter light up the airwaves on CAN TV. Check it out for yourself [www.cantv.org](http://www.cantv.org)

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago ABATE Chili Cookoff & Hot Pepper Eating Contest was a Great Success!

Thanks to all the participants both in the Chili Cookoff & Hot Pepper Eating Contest. Congratulations once again to Silvia Morales for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place once again, Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> time participants Ivan “Cookie” Lugo who took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place & Linda Nigro who took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. In our hot pepper eating contest we had many participants but only one walked away with the trophy & that winner was Patrick “Whiskey” Robin. We look forward to our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff. Everyone has plenty of time to work on those recipes & bring your best stuff next year.



Our Safety & Education Coordinator Ivan “Cookie” Lugo has been really busy. He recently conducted 6 presentations at World Language High School, Multicultural Arts High School, & Infinity Math Science & Technology High School all located in Chicago, IL. He was able to talk to over 175 would be soon drivers & some future riders.

Mark your calendars & join us for our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling. We will be once again partying it up at Chet’s Melody Lounge 7400 Archer Rd, Justice, IL 60458. We will have a bike show, vendors, music, food & most importantly a great time shared with Brothers & Sisters.



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

State Newsletter Coordinator

Joy Lugo

Check out our website.

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# EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Old  
River  
Chapter

Hello members, neighbors, and other friends!

It is April and getting warm enough to ride. April is also associated with rain, so when you go out for a ride, dress for the weather and take along gear for what the weather may change to. Ride when you can.

I have gotten to ride. I rode to St. Elmo High School for a drivers education classroom motorcycle awareness presentation. I took the Harley Defender, it was a wonderful ride. A few days later, I rode the Guzzi to Shelbyville High School for their drivers education classes. I was fortunate to have Rick Wiley help me out in Shelbyville. My next classes scheduled are in Altamont High School on Wednesday, April 19th, at 8-9:22 and again at 10:49-12:12. Contact me if you want to give me a hand. If I get solicited by any other schools, I will put it on the Old River facebook page.

### Once again, your current officers and reps for 2023 are:

President- Larry (Hawkeye) Lieb - 217-774-5583

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Treasurer - Kim Wiley - 217-820-5900

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Board Rep - Larry Lieb & Rick Wiley

Feel free to contact your chapter officers and reps to share your ideas. Even better yet, come to our monthly meeting of the membership. They are held at the Shelby County VFW Post 4829, 513 South Cedar Street. Until we come up with something better, the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. on the

second Thursday of the month. So, the next meeting is on Thursday, April 14th. Mark your calendar and come on out to the "W". We will probably discuss things to do in 2023, and can use your help... what would you like to do with Old River this year?

M.A.Y. (Motorcycles And You). May is quickly approaching and historically known for motorcycles getting out again. The governor of Illinois will once again be proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month as has been going on over 20 years. Your chapter will be getting Mayoral Proclamations from each city, township, and village in Shelby County again. We could use a little help delivering the paperwork to all eleven city/township/village clerks to get on their agenda. If you are familiar with any of the local leaders, you can give them the paperwork. We want 100% again. Let's help make Shelby County a little safer place for motorcycles.

Sunday, May 7th is the Freedom Rally to the Capitol. Who is going? Do we want to rally locally, then ride to Taylorville and join Mid-State Chapters ride to Springfield, or just go independently, or maybe ride to Decatur and join them?

The State Party will be on June 22nd to 25th. That could be fun!

BTW, RIP Gus Miller

Thanks for reading my blurb. If you have questions, ideas, or whatever, feel free to contact me, or any of your officers and reps. I am easy to reach at [darrell@bestweddingchapel.com](mailto:darrell@bestweddingchapel.com) or 217-774-7809.

Safe travels!

Bro Darrell



Liberty  
Chapter

We had a successful Anniversary party, celebrating 36

years of YOUR Liberty Chapter, Did you attend? We had a good turnout with a lot of great items in our auctions. Our raffle winners are, 1st place, of the Pit Boss grill was Andie Swerengen, 2nd place, pizza oven, was Randy Smyser, 3rd place, \$100.00 to Morgan's Meat Market was Barb Howard, and the 4th place winner of a 5 year membership was Monica Wiittermood. A big Thank You to all who supported our event, those who donated time and items, and those who showed up and participated in our raffles. A special shout out to Genni, Brian, and Pam for all their hard work in obtaining donations for the auction. Just attending, and keeping your membership active shows your support for all of our chapter activities.

Riding season is almost upon us so before you dust off your ride, make sure your riding skills are not dusty too. Have you checked out the rider safety classes that are offered free to you? Check out the Illinois Department of transportation website at [startseeingmotorcycles.org](http://startseeingmotorcycles.org) for a list of courses, training sites, sign up, and a lot of valuable information. And

you do not have far to go, they offer courses right here at the Coles County Memorial airport.

Upcoming Events- there be a plenty coming up, keep up on the happenings and real time updates on our Facebook page at Liberty Abate. Our website is [libertyabate.org](http://libertyabate.org). The website for Abate at the state is [abate-il.org](http://abate-il.org), where you can check on your membership, renew, see this newsletter, and events around the state.

March 19, swap meet in Springfield, Orr building. 8 am.

March 22, Legislative Day in Springfield, Floyd's Thirst Parlor, sign up 8 am

March 25 Corn hole tournament and crockpot contest 1 pm at the Roadhouse. Crockpot contest is anything you can put in a crockpot, prizes for the most unique and spiciest.

April 9 Monthly Meeting at the Mattoon Moose at 1:30

April 15 Blessing of the Bikes and run to Moonshine.

Joel Wannemacher

# IN MEMORY OF GUS MILLER

Congratulations to Gus Miller, on receiving the Rich Neb Award on January 18th, 2020 at the A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS State Seminar.



Hello everyone,

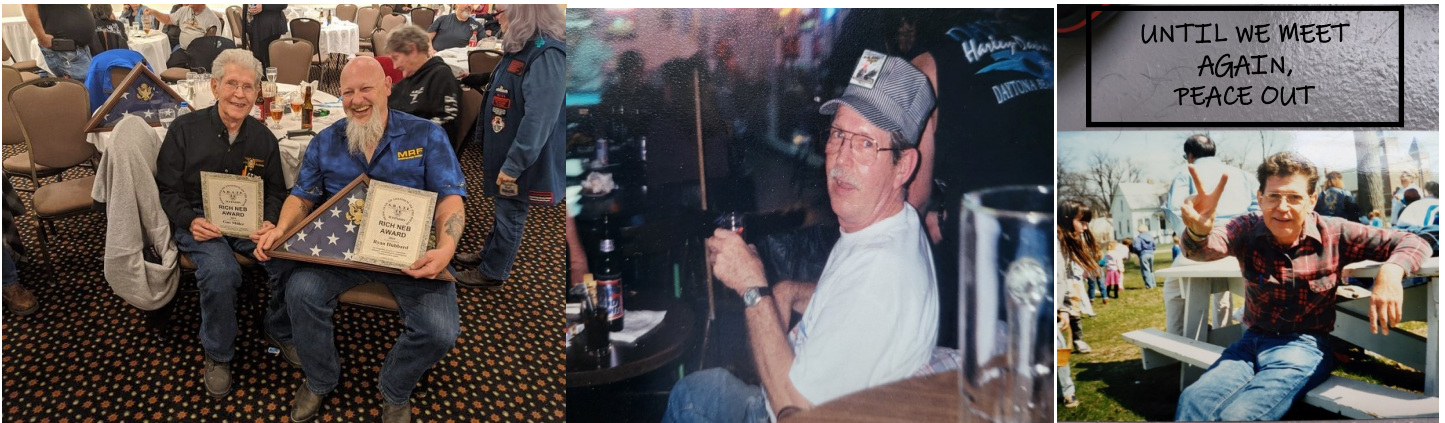
As many of you already know we lost one of our own. Gus was not only essential to our chapter, but to the whole organization. To know him was to love him for many reasons. I personally have a long history with him and am thankful for the memories I will forever carry with me. He inspired me in many ways and for that I am thankful.

With that being said we must continue to carry on and fight for what we have the privilege to say we are a part of. The chapter is working to update our current logo and we want your input. We will be taking a vote within the next 2 monthly meetings so please be there and give us your vote. The freedom rally will be on May 7th. We would really like to see as many members there for the ride to the capital as possible. Thank you to those who

have come out and supported the chapter at our broomstick and bag tournaments. We will be working on putting a ride together soon so stay tuned. We are still currently looking for a new location to host our annual party so if you know of a great place for us to go PLEASE let us know.

The chapter will be hosting the bar again at this year's state party. We as always will take any and all donations. We hope to see even more chapter members there as well. Remember this is YOUR chapter and we need your voices to continue moving forward. Our monthly meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Eagles club in Bloomington starting at 7 pm.

Until next time Ride safe,  
Melissa





## FOUNDING MEMBER OF ABATE OF ILLINOIS AND HEART OF ILLINOIS ABATE



### Gustav Henry "Gus" Miller

February 22, 1933 - March 09, 2023

Gustav H. "Gus" Miller, 90, of Heyworth, Illinois, passed away Thursday, March 9, 2023, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, Illinois.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home, Heyworth, Illinois. His funeral service will be held Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Park Lawn Cemetery, Danvers, Illinois.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bloomington American Legion Post 56.

Gustav was born February 22, 1933, in Normal, Illinois, a son of Roy Joseph and Josephine Rebecca (Nessen) Miller. He married Crystal Melita Carter on September 28, 1958, in Bloomington, Illinois. She survives.

He is also survived by his son, Anthony J. (Jennifer) Miller of Heyworth, Illinois; grandchildren, Melissa "Little Charmer" Miller, Kiley Miller, Anthony Miller, Payton Ferguson, and Allison Ferguson; great-grandchildren, Cameryn "Sugar" Miller, Payton, Rebecca, and Lainey Chaney; and one brother, Carl Miller of Bloomington, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Gustav was an U.S. Army veteran serving during Korea. He was a member of the Bloomington American Legion Post 56, V.F.W. Post 454, A.B.A.T.E of IL, and Antique Car Club of McLean Co.

#### **Heart of Illinois Abate posted the following:**

It was many many moons ago when the spitfire of a man with a wooden leg decided he wanted to jump start an organization known as A.B.A.T.E here in Illinois. He believed with everything in him the need for this organization. As a motorcycle enthusiast he understood that these riders needed a voice to protect their freedoms to ride as they saw fit. He gathered the masses of like-minded people together and gave them something to believe in and be proud to be a member of. He was the founding father of our Heart of Illinois chapter and we will be forever grateful for his love and dedication not only to our chapter but to the people around him. I could go on and on about him and tell many stories as we all could. I am heavy hearted that he is no longer on earth with us however I know he has already hit that throttle and is already coasting down Heavens back roads. Ride free my friend Gus Miller until we meet again -Melissa



**Embarras Valley Chapter**  
Hello all,

Well our chapters doing fine we're still on the grow we've got a lot of events coming up between the state and local we went over and joined Liberty for their broomstick tournament and that was a good time I got to hang out with my buddies and Network figure out our path for the summer... You know we do have a wonderful organization. There isn't a time goes by that if you need something they're not there I think the executive board is working hard this year to make it a good year for all. I would strongly encourage everyone to visit your neighboring

chapters and events and stay strong in United together that's what we're about and that's why we're one of the leaders in the nation. We're working on an outdoor block party in May waiting for our permits to come back it'll be open to everybody I'll keep you updated and hope to see you there. If someone would like to help plan a group ride I would greatly appreciate it.

Ride safe  
Tony

## SOUTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



**St. Clair County Chapter**

Our regular scheduled meeting was held Thursday March 9th with twenty members present. Our secretary Michelle was on vacation, so Sheila our Membership Director took notes. Andy Toenneis sponsored the meeting, so he spoke about his lawyer duties and types of cases he takes. He bought wings and pizza for everyone. The chapter is doing great, we are financially stable, and membership is steady.

Next month's meeting reminder post card will have the Belleville Enduro Team race schedule on it. We have a huge banner at their start-finish line so we in turn promote their events. We appreciate their support, and we get noticed by off road bikers.

I can't stress enough that every member should be signed up for ABATE legislative alerts. This is the core of why we are in ABATE, and that is to protect our motorcycling freedoms. When someone asks what ABATE is, I always respond, " We are a government watch dog group for motorcyclists." Please send an email to [office@abate-il.org](mailto:office@abate-il.org) and say you want to sign up for legislative alerts. We had a half dozen or so sign

up at the meeting, we walked everybody through it.

Our Safety & Education director, Andy, is getting into the high school driver education classes. He shows them a "Share The Road" video and talks to them about motorcycles and attempts to make an impact on the young minds of mush so maybe they will look twice for us.

We set the date for our 32nd Anniversary Ride in May. It will be on Saturday May 20th. TR's Place in Belleville. Sign up will be from 10:00 to 11:00 with kickstands up at 11:00am. There will be an abbreviated meeting at 10:30 in the parking lot. We will not have a meeting on May 11th.

Jason Stirling won the Half/Half drawing for 40 bucks and Dave McAlravey's name was drawn for the membership drawing and he did not win the \$95.00 as he was not present. Next month it will be \$100.00 for the winner if they are present.

Our next regular scheduled meeting will be April 13th at TR's Place at 7:00pm.

Mike Gallagher

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## Date March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, MRF Report to ABATE of Illinois

MRF Membership in the state of Illinois stands at 495 members with 73 of them laped and need to renew, Please!! Be it new or a renewal membership application. Please put my name in the "Referred by: blank. Thanks for your support on this.

Twin Rivers ABATE Chapter Swap Meet, Sunday Feb. 26, 2023. Thank you goes out to Katie Schneiderman, and Raymond Marschang for helping out at the MRF Table for about 6 hours.

Mail to: Motorcycle Riders Foundation, P. O. Box 9090, Peoria, IL. 61612 – Phone 202-546-0983 [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) – [mrfoffice@mrf.org](mailto:mrfoffice@mrf.org)

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### 2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education Young Activist Scholarship Applications Are Now Open

Each year the MRFA&E seeks young people, under 30 years of age, who are active in their local SSMROs to apply for our Young Activist Scholarship Award. Among the rewards, successful applicants will receive a trip to the 2023 MRF Meeting of the Minds including airfare, hotel room, and a one-year membership to the MRF. Is there a deserving candidate in your organization? If so, encourage them to apply. The application form and related requirements can be found at [www.mrfae.org](http://www.mrfae.org). Go to the headings under Young Activist Scholarship. Applications must be completed and mailed by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.



## Continuing to Bridge the Gap

Almost a decade ago, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) began outreach to motorcycle clubs to find common ground on key legislative items. An MRF board seat, titled Director of Sustaining Member Motorcycle Clubs, was created and that seat is held by Russell Radke. Part of Russell’s mission is to educate the motorcycle club community on what the MRF is working on in D.C. and how our efforts impact all riders.

The National Council of Clubs (NCOC) has, for the past several years, invited the MRF to participate in its meetings to foster that dialogue. Last weekend, leaders of the MRF attended the February NCOC meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. The MRF was represented by Kirk “Hardtail” Willard (MRF President), Fred Harrell (Director of Conference & Events), Russell Radke (Director of Sustaining Member Motorcycle Clubs), Seven Cassel (Membership Director) and Rocky Fox (Government Relations). Also in attendance was ABATE of Wisconsin Legislative Director, Steve Panten.

Four different presentations involved an MRF or ABATE member sharing their views on motorcycling and legislative action. Hardtail gave a presentation on the “The Future of Motorcycling in America.” Rocky spoke on the MRF’s recent victories on profiling in D.C. Seven discussed how best to unite independents and MCs. Steve gave a case study on a recent summit held in Wisconsin between ABATE and motorcycle clubs in the state.

The weekend was filled with lively debate and great questions. The MRF thanks the NCOC and the club community for their hospitality and willingness to work together on issues we all care about.

**Date’s that I and the Freeport Chapter members will be setting up the Bike Raffle Display. Selling raffle tickets, and doing a membership drive for ABATE & the MRF.**

**Big weekend at the Darlington Canoe Festival, and the Lafayette County Speedway, 702 E. Louisa Street, Darlington, WI. Friday night Stock Car Races.**

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June	9,10,11	Darlington Canoe Festival	Darlington	W I.	Bike Raffle Display
June	22,23,24,25	Crooked Roof	Lanark	IL.	Bike Raffle Display
July	2,3	Corner Tap	Stockton	IL.	Bike Raffle Display
July	4th	Memorial Park	Stockton	IL.	Bike Raffle Display
July	7, 8, 9	Tutty Baker Days	Freeport	IL.	Bike Raffle Display
July	20,21	Big "O's	Freeport	IL.	Bike Raffle Display
July	21, 22, 23, 24	Crooked Roof	Lanark	IL.	Bike Raffle Display
July	25,26,27,28,29	Stephenson County Fair	Freeport	IL.	Bike Raffle Display
August	12	Cruise Night	Freeport	IL.	Ticket Sales
September	9,10	Lena Lions Fall Festival	Lena	IL.	Bike Raffle Display

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4/02	Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz
4/03	
4/04	Freedom Riders
4/05	Richland County
4/06	Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County
4/07	
4/08	<b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b> Piasa-Gateway, Staline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads
4/09	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Windy City, Ten Mile Creek
4/10	
4/11	Midstate
4/12	Will County
4/13	Heart of Illinois, Old River, St. Clair
4/14	
4/15	Black Diamond
4/16	Freeport, Prairieland, Shawnee Hills
4/17	Tri County
4/18	DuKane, Lincoln Land
4/19	Chicago
4/20	South Suburban
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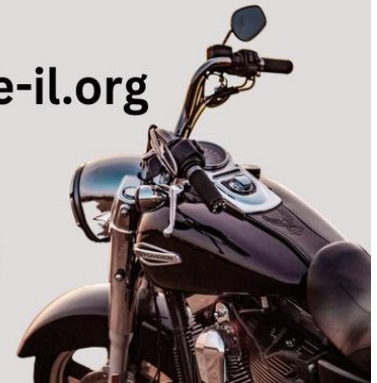
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BLACKHAWK CHAPTER	PO BOX 332	E MOLINE	IL	61244-0332	309/269-2355	MARVIN	7/1987	1/1/2023	NW	
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FREEDOM VALLEY CHAPTER	PO BOX 6563	PEORIA	IL	61601	309-678-0554	BRUCE	10/2001	1/31/2022	WC	
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HEART OF ILLINOIS CHAPTER	PO BOX 525	MACKINAW	IL	61571-0525	309-696-0450	SONYA	6/1986	1/12/2023	EC	32-33
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LAMOINE VALLEY CHAPTER	PO BOX 512	DALLAS CITY	IL	62330-0512	319-759-2459	JOE	6/1988	1/1/2021	WC	
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MID-STATE CHAPTER	PO BOX 531	TAYLORVILLE	IL	62568-0531	217/891-1779	TONY	3/1993	1/20/2023	EC	
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PEO-TAZ CHAPTER	PO BOX 5936	PEORIA	IL	61601-5936	309/989-2225	DAVE	10/1986	1/20/2023	WC	
PIASA-GATEWAY CHAPTER	PO BOX 363	E ALTON	IL	62024-0363	618/696-2273	MELONY	10/1986	1/1/2023	SW	
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SALT CREEK CHAPTER	720 N KANKAKEE	LINCOLN	IL	62656	309/825-7363	GERALD	1/1993	1/20/2023	EC	
SHAWNEE HILLS CHAPTER	339 BASSETT RD	ELIZABETH-TOWN	IL	62931	573/587-2375	STEVE	4/1993	2/1/2022	SE	
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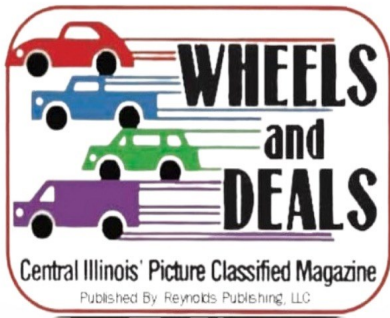
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THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, ILLINOIS

**PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR**

**WHEREAS**, safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our City and State; and

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**THEREFORE**, I \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, in the great state of Illinois, in recognition of 36 years of ABATE of Illinois, Inc., and over 352,318 registered motorcyclists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness,

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10:30am

**Executive  
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1:00pm

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