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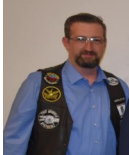
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By Josh
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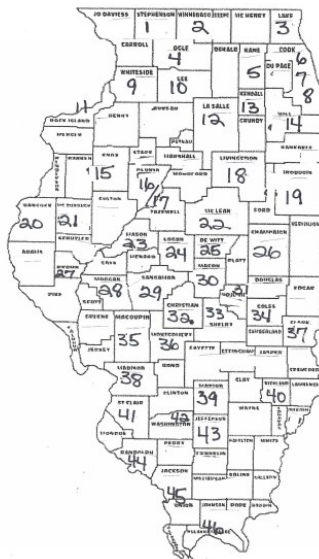
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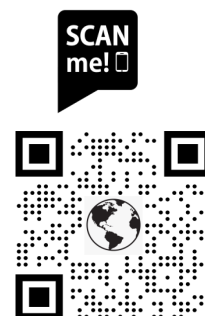
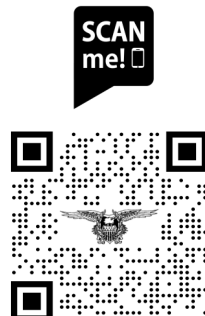
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What is ABATE?

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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FREE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR MEMBERS

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

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State
Coordinator

Hi again A.B.A.T.E. Been a crazy summer so far, but I think a good one. The state party went well and a big thanks for her hard work goes out to Activities Coordinator Sharilyn Kibler-Russell for putting it together. She put together a team that made it all happen. Also, I thought this year's promotions and ads on-line was some of the best I have ever seen. So, another shout out to Chris Hansen for a job well done. I hope everyone enjoyed the event and will spread the word for next year.

On to another topic that has just come up in July. Tesla is looking for drivers to test their driverless vehicles in Elgin Il., what the hell !! We know they are not safe for use that ride. Ski has talked on this many times. So, Ski your Legislative Coordinator/ Lobbyist is working hard on this issue and will have more information on it as it develops. This is a very serious issue, so please watch for any information coming out on this and be ready to act if a call is made. Man, just when we thought we could kick back for a while, this crops up. But we are lucky that our lobbyist has been on top of this issue from day one and is thought of as the go to person on this issue by those who matter.

In closing let me say this, there have been some bumps this year that I hope we can get through, we are a family that has one goal in mind. Bikers rights, and that's what we need always to focus on. It's not about what's good for the one, but about what is good for the organization as a whole. We are hard headed bikers, so healthy disagreements are going to happen, but in the end, we have to stand as one to show our strength to our friends as well as our enemy's. We are the voice for bikers' rights and we will remain so as long as we stand together. Thanks again for being a part of A.B.A.T.E. as always please ride safe.

State Coordinator - Bob (Mouse) Ellinger



Assistant State
Coordinator

Hello Everyone hope you are having a Great Summer and getting a lot of riding in.

Membership signs should be ready for pickup at the August BOD meeting. If your chapter did not order any and would like to please get a hold of me they are \$10 each. The signs are the same size as the Yard signs and are single sided to hang whenever you have a booth set up to help you get new members. I would like to give A BIG SHOUT OUT to Dennis "CLERVER" Yeager Dennis is the 1 originally designed the signs and put them out. I just come back did some updating and is reissuing them again Thank You Cleaver.

Hope Everyone has started making plans to attend the 2024 ABATE STATE SEMINAR January 19th and 20th. in Springfield Still working on Items plan s to be a real good one will give out more details in the coming months
Scooter



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 Motorcyclists 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**



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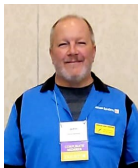
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Safety and Ed
Coordinator

Hello Brothers and Sisters,
I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. When it's hot out please make sure you stay well Hydrated. If possible, please carry a few Bottles of Water with you when Riding. They come in handy in regards to splashing the face to it cool off, flushing out the eyes, injuries and of course drinking..
Vivian and I have been busy doing Safety and Ed Presentations in the Summer Schools. I hope you have too...

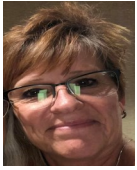
When riding in a group, fundraisers or such, we can all do our part to try to eliminate injuries and deaths.. If you see something that could be dangerous then say something. It never hurts. If you see Hazards on the roadways bring it to the attention of others..

2023 Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities stand at 54 on 07/08/2023..

I regret to say this number will most likely rise by the time you read this..
Ride Safe, Have Fun and Stay Vigilant to Your Surroundings when Riding at all times.

John “Fireball” Anderson





Products Coordinator

Greetings fellow ABATE members:

Thank you to the folks who stopped by Products at the ABATE of Illinois State Party.

Thank you Karen for feeding me the BBQ on Saturday. A lot of great comments and reactions to the product choices made. Have to say that was surprised that the MEN shorts were a great hit. Going to work on in the near future to

get Product items on line to order and will include shipping of the items.

Thank you for the support to products to ABATE of Illinois.

If something is requested now please send request to products@abate-il.org.

Thank you for all you do. Paulette Korte



Newsletter Coordinator

Articles due AUGUST 12TH 2023 for the SEPTEMBER 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 if photos on printed issues. New Supporting business letter

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Sunday October 29, 2023

Champaign County Fairgrounds

1302 N Coler Ave - Urbana Floral Building

ABATE OF ILLINOIS logo with motorcycle and text 'START SEEING MOTORCYCLES'

Table with vendor set-up, public admission, and booth rental information.

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Registration form with fields for Name, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, Amount Enclosed, Type of Business, Electricity, No# of Tables, No# of Chairs, Amount \$, Check Enclosed, Charge to, Card No, Exp. Date, CVC, Signature.

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





State
Secretary

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and didn't suffer too much damage from the storms.

I would like to remind everyone that nominations for the 2024 Executive Board begin at the August 19, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. For anyone interested in a position please check the criteria for each position laid out in the By-laws and Policy manual. Both of these articles are available on the website: abate-il.org under members. Letters of intent may be sent to me at secretary@abate-il.org. In December we also appoint members to the various committees. If you're interested in joining a committee, please contact the chairperson listed in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel to reach out to myself or the office.

Our next meeting will be August 19, 2023 at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
Executive Board at 10:30am
Board of Directors at 1:00pm

Ride Safe,
Teri Smith,
Secretary

ABATE of Illinois

Board Meetings
August 19, 2023

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



Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
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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

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

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





Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters!

August is here and with that comes some of the nicest – and some of the hottest – riding weather we see all summer. I hope that you all had a great Independence Day on July 4th and got some miles on celebrating this great country!

I want to talk a little bit about supporting local chapters. We are all very good as chapters about supporting our great State Organization, ABATE of Illinois, and the events. But are we doing that with other local chapters? Some are, and that’s great. But many aren’t. It’s easy to do. Take last month for example. Central Illinois ABATE, Kishwaukee Valley ABATE, DuKane ABATE, Embarras Valley ABATE, Eastern Illinois ABATE, Prairieland ABATE, Chicago ABATE, Lincoln Land ABATE, and many others had events that went on. Will County ABATE and Open Roads ABATE continued their awesome book runs. Get involved and attend them! We all love riding our motorcycles and we all love what we do with ABATE. So, mix the two together and get out and attend these events. Chapters do a lot of hard work to put these on and when you attend them it’s always a great time with motorcyclist camaraderie and fun. Let’s get out and support each other!

Motorcycle Awareness and Safety is something that we just must keep talking about. Safety & Education Coordinator John “Fireball” Anderson will talk about it in his article, but let’s keep this a priority for our chapters. Too many motorcyclists have gone down, many fatally, in 2023. We have yard signs. We have banners. We have our Safety & Education Coordinators getting into classrooms in front of students. We need to stay in the public eye and continue to remind and educate EVERYONE that motorcyclists are on the roads and that distracted driving needs to stop. We cannot sit by and continue to watch our brothers and sisters lose their lives simply doing something they love that is a freedom in Illinois because someone just had to send that text or check that Facebook post. Keep spreading the message that looking twice can save a life and that motorists need to START SEEING MOTORCYCLES!

If you haven’t heard the latest with Tesla trying to make motorcyclists in Illinois their latest field tests by hiring workers in Elgin, IL to go out on our roadways and collect data on their self-driving systems, please see Ski’s article at the beginning of this newsletter. This is VERY dangerous for motorcyclists!

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 August 19th
- MRF Meeting of the Minds on September 21st – 24th
- ABATE of Illinois Christmas Party – December 16th
- ABATE of Illinois State Seminar – January 19th – 20th 2024

Just a reminder for all chapters that I need help. I would like each chapter to send me a CLEAR and CURRENT jpg of their chapter’s logo. These are used for advertising and it’s a pain to try and find them and not be able to find a good one to use. Please e-mail them to PR@abate-il.org. I will be starting a folder of all current logos. So far, I have received 0.

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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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

The chapters of the Northeast Region have been quite active as summer is in full swing. Chicago ran the Spring Fling. South Suburban, the Topless Tour. Will County and DuKane are participating in bike nights at Cycle Gear. Northern is at the Walneck Swap meets. All excellent ways to promote what ABATE does and reach out to riders about joining our ranks. Successful events have been held with our legislative leaders who are back for the summer from Springfield. These are opportunities to thank them for passing legislation allowing red under glow lighting when braking and turn signal modifications as well as eliminating the duplicate testing of under 18 year olds who successfully complete a state sponsored training class.

Upcoming events in our region:

DuKane- Bikini Bike Wash, Saturday July 15, 11 AM – 3 PM, Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn

Will County- Hooters & Scooters Run, Saturday August 26, Moose Lodge, Wilmington

NE Region Meeting, September 24, 12 PM, The Lucky Monk, South Barrington

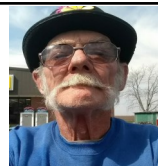
To wrap things up I want everyone to be extra careful when you are out riding. There has been a sharp increase in motorcyclist fatalities once again as riding season is in full swing. A motorist crossed the centerline, hit a rider head on killing him in Geneva. A teenager struck killed the general manager of DSP Motor-

sports who was making a left turn at an intersection. A motorcyclist killed in a crash on the interstate. Just this weekend a motorcyclist lost control, struck a curb and was airlifted to the hospital. These are just a few of many in the news over the past couple months. Many crashes fit the scenario of distracted drivers and 'I didn't see him'. In other cases it was the fault of the motorcyclist. Let's work to get training classes going again in northern Illinois. Take a refresher course. Educate all motorists. Never be in a hurry while riding. Be safe!



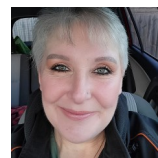
NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: ROBERT RUDELL

No article submitted.



EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: WILLIAM "HOWDY" MILLS

No Article Submitted

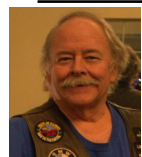


WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: APRIL JONES

No article submitted.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

No Article Submitted



SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB STOUT

No Article Submitted



MOTORCYCLE RUN RULES ILLINOIS, OHIO, INDIANA, MISSOURI

Q. Is it legal in Illinois for outriders (with reflective vests) to stop traffic at intersections with or without local law enforcement's permission during a motorcycle run? Eastern Ill. ABATE chapter.

A. Most states have statutes similar to the ones in Illinois. Section 11-1416 of Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1416) (from Ch. 95 ½, par. 11-1416) reads:

Sec. 11-1416. Obstructing person in highways. No person shall wilfully and unnecessarily hinder, obstruct or delay, or wilfully and unnecessarily attempt to delay, hinder or obstruct any other person in lawfully driving or traveling along or upon any highway within this State or offer for barter or sale merchandise on said highway so as to interfere with the effective movement of traffic.

(Source: P.A. 80-911.)

The "outriders" could be charged with violating this statute as well as a "local ordinance".

The key word in §11-1416 is "unnecessarily." Although the "outriders" might argue that it was necessary for them to obstruct traffic, I doubt if a judge would make such a finding. After all, the group could have accommodated local traffic if it had chosen to do so.

For some intersections the law is not clear. If the ride was on a through street with no stop or yield signs or traffic signals and if traffic on intersecting streets were required to yield to traffic on the through street, then it would seem that the outriders did not obstruct traffic. If this is what happened, then they did not stop vehicles. Rather, they were protecting through traffic from illegal and dangerous interruption by vehicles that were required by law to stop. But even this situation is less than clear.

If the ride was running red lights or stop signs, then they should be glad no one was arrested for such violations. And if there are collisions, they probably will get sued.

The rule of thumb is that only persons with police powers are authorized to control traffic movement. These persons would include all police officers and most laws allow flagmen to control traffic at construction sites. Also, it may be necessary (note the key word discussed above) for individuals to guide traffic during emergencies when police are not available. Other than these very few exceptions, individuals who interfere with traffic are in violation of §11-1416.

SLIPPERY IS AS SLIPPERY DOES - RAILROAD

CROSSING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BIKERS

Q. An Ohio member wrote to us. Here's his letter:

I lost control of my motorcycle at a railway crossing in Ohio. Neither my daughter nor myself required any medical treatment as our speed was extremely slow. I estimated our speed at 15 to 20 MPH. After crossing the metal rails, both the front and rear tires of the bike came out from under me. The bike slid through the turn and came to rest with the front wheel under the guardrail in the opposite lane. The police arrived on the scene a few minutes later, but as they did not have jurisdiction, the officer radioed the accident to the County Sheriff after discussing the accident with me.

The officer then told me that because I didn't need a report for insurance (the bike has a salvaged title and I therefore carry only liability/damages required by the State), there were no injuries requiring treatment and no property damages, the Sheriff's Department was not going to send a unit. My father arrived on the scene with a chain to help pull the motorcycle from under the guardrail, and I checked the bike for damages. I was inserting the key to see if it would start when several State Troopers, an ambulance, and EMS arrived on scene. Needless to say, the State Trooper cited me for ORC 4511.202, failure to maintain reasonable control.

Now this is a crossing I have crossed many times in both dry and wet weather at even higher speeds without any incident. The speed limit on the road is 55 MPH. I was not in a hurry and I know that any rail can become slippery when wet. It had stopped raining shortly before the accident, but I wasn't in a hurry and I had my daughter on. She even commented that I was going slow.

When I walked back to try and figure out what happened, I found the wood lining the metal rails was so slippery that my feet were actually sliding on the wood. The area surrounding the metal tracks was like ice. The air temperature was 51° F, so ice was not a factor. Evidence of my slow speed is that only the plastic was broken on the bike. I rode the bike home. Even my headlight and windshield were not broken.

I believe that the railroad shares some responsibility for the accident for using material that presents a hazard to motorcycles when wet. Many other crossings use materials such as concrete, asphalt, or rubber that have a higher friction coefficient. There are no warning signs stating crossing can become extremely slippery when wet. I would like to come away from this without any points or fine as I haven't been able to find work for nearly a year and a half. I can't afford a lawyer and the fine is only \$120 so it probably isn't worth it anyway. I was hoping to convince the Judge that I exercised "reasonable" control and that other circumstances contributed to the accident, but I could not find any appeals cases on the internet that apply. Do you have any suggestions or should I just send in the money?

A. Congratulations on a good outcome of your crash. I would fight the ticket if you have time and the costs are reason-

able. We will help. The law you were charged with violating is designed for those who lose control by doing something wrong. Your actions in saving yourself and your daughter should be commended, not punished. I cannot imagine any well-thinking judge will hold you accountable for this incident. As to the police officer that issued the citation, provide me his name and badge number. His supervisor needs a letter from our office. You did not lose control. Control was taken from you by an improperly marked and designed crossing. As you know, many states have limitations on grade crossing angles. Any crossing angle less than 80-85 degrees is dangerous. Anything less than 90 degrees should carry a warning. Calculating the angle of a railroad crossing at night traveling 55 mph is nearly impossible on some crossings, so all states should warn and post notices as to the angle of the crossing. If the state will not post a warning of the dangerous angle, maybe ABATE should post it with our own signs, especially the crossing that got you.

MOTORCYCLISTS ARE SCREWED AGAIN?

Towing Protection in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio

Q. I recently went to see an official at the Illinois Commerce Commission to talk about the legality of towing cars from an apartment complex. I am a tenant and was looking to find out under what circumstances the owners association can tow someone's car. While talking to the official I asked about motorcycles being towed. She told me that the I.C.C. does not regulate motorcycles being towed like they do with cars. Does this mean that my motorcycle can be towed away much easier than a car then be charged higher rates because they aren't regulated. After speaking with an officer from the Illinois Commerce Commission, he advised me that motorcycles are, in fact, exempt from regulation from the ICC. This is due to the fact that special equipment is needed to tow a motorcycle so towing companies are allowed to charge as they see fit. (Which leads me to believe it is more difficult to tow a motorcycle) The exemptions are found under 625 ILCS 5/18, which states that "this Chapter shall not apply to the relocation of motorcycles. Such relocation shall be governed by the provisions of Section 4-203 of this Code." Section 4-203 does not impose any cost restrictions on towing motorcycles.

A. Ron, it looks like we motorcyclists were left off the list of protected species in Illinois where the legislature saw fit to protect autos from gouging rates. The protecting statute limits the tow bill for cars but does not apply to motorcycles. It seems the same pirates gouging cars would want to gouge us as well. Now the tow companies in Illinois can do it with a vengeance by saying that the legislature allows them to charge what they want. Ohio also has legislation on maximum tow charges, but does not exclude motorcycles. Indiana has not enacted any protections against gouging tow bill rates (maybe the towing companies are kinder and gentler there). Also, some local cities and towns may have ordinances that regulate tow fees. Keep me posted – we may need a law.

WEIRD WIND - THE BANE OF MOTORCYCLISTS

Many bikers go off the road violently and do not make it. Many assume they just lost it. I have another theory – weird wind. Dave is a member of ABATE of Illinois, and a biker's biker – a motorcyclist perfected. He also happens to be a pilot – not just a pilot, but an airline transport commercial pilot. When it comes to wind, he knows all you need to know. Except a while back, Mother Nature threw him a new one – "weird wind." It was a hot day – real hot, gusty, on the flats of Illinois; just perfect for dust devils, wind shear – all the weird winds. Running at a good speed down the state highway, he noticed the violent wind from the left and the front end climbed up first – then the rear wheel oscillated next; then a violent high side to the right. He may have been shoved to the right and just lost it. Who knows?

Looks like he may be back to walking, riding and flying in a few, if he is lucky. What happened and how do we learn from his experience? Jay Jackson, Executive Director of ABATE of Indiana and a MSF Chief Instructor, blames the incident on a microburst that nailed

Dave. Whatever it was – it was invisible.

Bikers and pilots suffer the same exposure. Years ago, I was flying with a buddy in a Cessna 140. He too is a hard core biker. I asked him about his greatest fear with flying. He said "weird wind." What can you do to avoid it? Be aware of weather that causes wind shear and microbursts, but other than that, it is like getting hit by lightning. To avoid that, you have to stay home, but that is not like us, is it?

FILING A TORT CLAIM IN INDIANA

In Indiana your claim for personal injury or property damage against the city-county must be made in writing as prescribed in Indiana Code 34-13-3. You have 180 days after the loss to file your tort claim. It must comply with the state code.

Illinois has a special court stocked with "special judges" and Ohio is the most fair of all in allowing suits against itself.

Filing a tort claim is part of a legal process. If you have any questions about how to file a claim, contact ABATE LEGAL. The city/county attorneys and employees are not authorized by law to assist you with filing a claim.

You should review the actions or conditions resulting in nonliability listed in Indiana Code 34-13-3-3 before filing a claim.

HOW TO FILE A TORT CLAIM

Pull the tort claim form and complete the Notice of Tort Claim according to the form's instructions. Keep a copy of your claim, your receipts for your bills, and your certified or registered mail receipt.

Each person who had a loss should file a separate claim.

PROCESSING TORT CLAIMS

The City/County will investigate your claim if it is properly filed. They will notify you in writing within 90 days of receipt if your claim is approved. By law, a claim is denied if not settled

within 90 days.

SETTLEMENT PROCESS

If the city-county determines your claim should be paid, you'll receive settlement paperwork. Your payment will be processed in a few weeks once the City/County receives properly completed documents with original signatures.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT - HOW TO

The ABATELEGAL.com web site is fully equipped to handle all of your FOIA request needs. If you can think of it, you can generally get it from the government by following our easy steps. At our site we teach you how to prepare the document and file it with the appropriate government official.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) laws are laws ensuring public access to government records. The federal FOIA (and the various, similar, state laws) carry a presumption of disclosure; the burden is on the government, not the public, to substantiate why information may not be released. Upon written request, agencies of the government are required to disclose those records, unless they can be lawfully withheld from disclosure due to a number of specific exemptions in the FOIA. This right of access is ultimately enforceable in the appropriate court.

When requesting information, be mindful of the following:

1. Do your research – Determine whether or not the information you seek is readily available. Information requests can take a long period of time to receive and cost money.
2. Write clearly and be specific – Overly broad requests may not reveal the information you seek.
3. Target the appropriate agency – Make sure you are sending your request to the appropriate agency to avoid delay.
4. Establish a contact within the agency – Typically you will receive an acknowledgment letter or response letter with a case officer. If not, contact the agency to identify who is fulfilling

your request. Your effort will help show your interest in a timely response.

5. Stay on top of things – Agencies are allotted specific time limits in which to respond to your request. However, the more extensive the request, the more time you should allow for a response.

6. Delays can be expected – While delays can be frustrating, they are par for the course. FOIA requests are usually not an agency priority, meaning delays are quite possible. Responses regarding National Security may take months, even years to fulfill due to resources and sensitivity.

7. Be reasonable and friendly – Establishing a good rapport with your case officer, while providing a well-written request, will only help your cause. Confirm all of your telephone contacts in writing. E-mail is best.

Having helped our members fulfill requests for information in the past, we decided it was time to give you the tools necessary to fulfill your own interests. Please find more information on FOIA requests at AbateLegal.com.

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. © 2023.

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GRAND PRIZE PURCHASED AT

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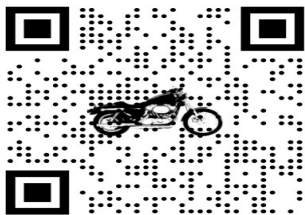
2ND PRIZE PURCHASED AT NIEHAUS CYCLE SALES, LITCHFIELD, IL.

3RD PRIZE DONATED BY SHAWNEE HILLS ABATE CHAPTER

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8th Prize - 5 Year ABATE Membership
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rainout the drawing will be held September 4, 2023
Grand Prize purchased at
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3rd Prize donated by Shawnee Hills ABATE Chapter
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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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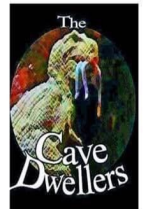
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NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport
Chapter

I can't believe it is August already. Where did the summer go? Our Chapter has had fun filled summer. Last month we had our

Bark at the Moon Run, and the NW Region Convergence Run. I don't have any info on these events since I'm writing this the beginning of July.

Coming up in August we have the DAV (Disabled American Veteran) Ride on August 5th. This is not an ABATE activity, but it is an event we support. You can find a flyer in your July/August Soft-Tale. It is in Davis, IL. They have a poker run, bands, food, vendors, a bike blessing and a BIG raffle. Come out and support your Veterans. August 11th is Cruise Night in Freeport. Our Chapter, headed by Neal, is setting up a bike parking area on Stephenson St. He will be setting up around 1:00 pm. Cleaver will also be there selling bike tickets, and ABATE and MRF memberships. They could both use a little help. Bring your own chair. August 19 the Chapter has a group ride planned to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa Iowa. The museum is closing for good right after Labor Day and this might be your last chance to see all the displays. Meet at Logan's at 9:00 am. There is no cost for this ride, it is just a fun run. Again, we invite other Chapters to join us. The museum is also a stop on the Mann-iac run for those of you who have bought books. August 20th is our Chapter meeting and

Family Picnic. Bring Mom and Dad, bring the kids, if you have a friend who might like to join this would be a good time to bring them to a meeting to see what we are all about. Bring a dish to pass and the Chapter provides the meat. We would love to see some members from other Chapter come and join us. It is at Riviera Park in Freeport at 12:30. August 26th we have a burger run to Lakeside Inn at Lake Summerset at 6:00 pm. We also have our Searching for the Nuts run coming up in September or October. No date has been set for this. Check our Facebook for updates.

Cleaver will be turning in the raffle tickets at the August E Board/BOD. If you have tickets that you didn't sell, or money to turn in, please get them to him before that date 19th.

Chris is keeping the website updated. Check it out at; www.freeportchapterABATE-il.com You can also join our Facebook page at; Freeport Chapter ABATE of Illinois

Ride Safe, Ride Often,
Becky



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Summer Book Rides, booths at car shows, signing up new members, entering bike shows, state bike raffle tickets, and parades are some of the events that our members have been doing. Busy time of year. Hope you have been doing your share of riding despite unpredictable weather this past month.

Membership - Congrats to our members renewing their dues and to our new members. 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.

A shoutout to our **president Cliff Oleson** on his consistency of keeping everything in order. He is involved in all chapter activities and stays on top of any updates. Thank you, Cliff, for keeping our members updated and leading our chapter to achieving our goals.

Summer Book 2023 – 2 months left to visit the stops and get into the cash drawing on October 7. How many stops do you have to get yet? Some people already have all the stops stamped. There is a special prize for those who get all 62 stamps. Reminder - One of the bonus stops – Farm Friends – has one date left to get your stamp – August 13. Many thanks to everyone who bought our books.

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. State Party – Cliff Oleson, Patti and Kevin Smith met at Star 34 in Sandwich for breakfast in

Sandwich and rode to County Fairgrounds near Petersburg, IL on June 24. They had a great time, seeing old friends, making new friends, and enjoyed watching the bike games.

Dinner Ride to Lee'z Place in Sandwich on June 28 was a fun time and good food.

Parked cars and Directed Traffic for City of Plano and Plano Police Department at City of Plano Fireworks event on June 30 at Plano High School. Always a good thing to work with some of a city's finest. Thank you to Bruce Littlebrant, Frank Lorang, Bob Mauer, Bill Kolb, and Cliff Oleson.

Vietnam Moving Wall – Members from Open Roads assisted the motorcycle escort of the Vietnam Moving Wall on June 30 in Manhattan. Sam Mataya, Fred Chaffer, and Cliff Oleson helped display the wall. Very moving event.

Summer Book Ride, July 15 – rode to Hampton, Geneseo, Arlington, East Moline, and Mendota. Thank you, Diana, for organizing this ride. Details in next newsletter.

Dinner Ride to Honest Abe's in Morris on July 19. Details later.

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July Car Shows – July was a very busy month for us as we set up our promotion booth to promote ABATE and sell bike raffle tickets at 6 car shows in our area. The schedule of car shows

was: **July 1** in downtown Sandwich; **July 4** in Sheridan; **July 9** at Last Chance Saloon in Millington; **July 16** at Plano Legion; **July 29** at Sandwich Fairground for Show Down Event; **July 30** at Turn Back Time in Sycamore.

Assist Low Lyfz in Bike Rodeo – Motorcycle Club Low Lyfz requested our help with their Bike Rodeo on July 22. Several members supported their event. Details later.

New Banners – Our Products Coordinator Sharyl Mataya has designed two new banners for Open Roads to display. One is a blue banner to “Start Seeing Motorcycles” and the other is a colorful banner saying “No Conversation is Worth a Life! Please! Put down the Phone!” They are for sale for \$40 each. She also designed an Open Roads ABATE eye glass cloth which we are sharing with prospective members and promoting ABATE.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Meeting – Our August meeting will be on Saturday, August 26, 3 pm, at Patti & Kevin Smith’s home.

Summer Book Post Party – Saturday, October 7, 3 to 6 pm, Plano American Legion. If you bought our book, you get a free meal and a raffle ticket. If you have 46 regular stamps and one bonus stamp you get one chance for the cash prizes, 46 regular and 2 bonus stamps you get 2 chances, and so on. Cash prizes to be given away will total at least \$2000. Books must be turned in by 4 pm on October 7. Get in on the marble game and 50/50. Drawings for prizes begin at 5. Can’t make the party? Mail your book to L Oleson, 1008 N. Lew Street, Plano, IL 60545. Book must be received by September 20 to be eligible for cash prizes.

Upcoming events include escorting Vietnam Wall in Peru on August 24, Progressive Dinner in September, Rookie Run on August 27, Chapter Calendar, Toy Runs, Feed My Starving Children, Business After Hours on October 5, nominations for officers, 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:

Members enjoyed a dinner ride on June 28 to Leez Place in Sandwich. Pictured are Sean Winkler, Sharyl Mataya, Cliff Oleson, Kevin and Patti Smith, Diana Rebechini, Frank Lorang, Sam Mataya, and Sharyl and Sam’s granddaughter, Lexie.



Open Roads ABATE members helped park cars at the City of Plano Fireworks display on June 30. Pictured are Frank Lorang, Plano Police Lieutenant Norm Allison, Bob Lawrence (American Legion Riders from Sandwich), Bob Mauer, Bill Kolb, Bruce Littlebrant, and Cliff Oleson.



Starved Rock Chapter

2023 meetings begin at 12:30
What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

NO MEETING IN JULY

NW REGION CONVERGENCE RUN Saturday July 29th. Tentatively Meet at Mike’s Brownstone at noon. Wheels roll at 1PM. \$10.00 per person. We will have two stops on the way to the VFW in Dixon. Last Bike in at 5PM.

Meeting Sunday Aug 6th at the Kangley Inn in Kangley. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open. Kangley Inn is owned by Starved Rock Chapter members Sally and Gary Boyd! They are always extremely appreciative of our group meeting there!

Saturday and Sunday August 12th&13th Membership Booth and State Bike Raffle Tickets at the Mendota Sweet Corn

We had a membership and ABATE of Illinois State Bike Raffle Booth at the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run Festival in Marseilles. Thanks to Shane Bice, Peggy Mills, Bob Ganze, and Jeff Mccully for helping sell tickets and help tear down the booth after, put the prizes in the trailer, and help get all the supplies back in the truck. It was greatly appreciated!

Our chapter won the Hawaiian Campsite Contest at the State Party! Congratulations to all who participated! Camp Site members included: Rick and Linda Brandt, Rick and Cathy Green, Craig and Mary Jo McCuchra, Jenny Green and Paul May!

Festival!

Meeting Sunday September 10th at Claudette's at 253 E Walnut St in Oglesby. The meeting will begin at 12:30. Food will be available for \$12.00 per person for the meal. The bar will be open to purchase drinks.

Sunday October 1st The Tri-County Toy Run-Starts at Blue Collar Bikes in Spring Valley and ends at Spring Valley Boat Club. Entry fee: 1 new unwrapped toy or \$10.00 per person. All vehicles welcome. There will be a live band! Food, Fun, and Games??

Saturday October 7th The Firemen's Car Show in Utica. We will have a Membership Booth and State Bike Raffle Tickets for sale.

Sunday October 8th: Burgoo Festival in Utica. We will have a Membership Booth and State Bike Raffle Tickets for sale.

Meeting Sunday October 15th at Softails in Ladd. The meeting will begin at 12:30 There will be a chicken buffet for \$9.00/person. Noreen Griffin is a Starved Rock Chapter member and supporter! This will be the first round of nominations for 2024 Officers.

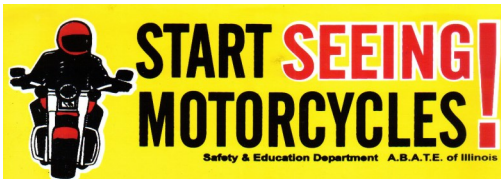
Meeting Sunday November 12th at the Kangley Inn in Kangley. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open. Kangley Inn is owned by Starved Rock Chapter members Sally and Gary Boyd! This will be the second round of nominations for officers for 2024.

Meeting Sunday December 3rd At Jamie's Outpost in Utica. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open. Jamie's is owned by Starved Rock ABATE members Jamie and Tracy Mix. The election of officers will be held at this meeting.

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 Tom Brown as well.

You may follow Starved Rock ABATE on Facebook!

Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Officer



The first picture is:

Starved Rock Chapter members Bob Ganze, Shane Bice, and Nora Kleckner at the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run Festival in Marseilles.



The second picture is:

Starved Rock won the best Hawaiian Campsite at the ABATE of Illinois State Party:

Pictured are Chapter members: Dan Kleckner, MJ and Craig McCuchra, Jenny Green and Paul May, Cathy Green, Linda Brandt, Rick Green, and Rick Brandt.



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- ✓ **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.



**Thunder
Rock
Chapter**

Hope everyone is having a great summer, staying safe and cool. Enjoying the knees In the breeze, keeping shiny side up and rubber side down.

PAST EVENTS

You had our state party down in Petersburg IL @ Menards Fair Grounds. Thunder Rock did have 7 members that did come, it was hot, but it was fun. Thunder Rock is reminding all our members to try to attend next year. It is a good opportunity to meet other members from other chapters. Just a reminder the State Seminar is another good opportunity to meet and greet with other chapters, will talk about that more when it gets closer.

Our Teddy Bear run was in July, please look at our Sept Newsletter for pictures.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 4th through August 13th is Sturgis week. (NO THUNDER ROCK MEETING IN AUGUST)

August 26th

Anamosa Run, meeting at Charlies Restaurant @ 8:00 A.M. Check our FB Page for more details and information.

September 9th is our FALL road clean meeting @ 9:00 A.M Blue Star Memorial Highway (route 2 between Byron and Rockford, by Meridian Road) Please come and join us, all the help we can get to help keep our roads clean is very much appreciated.

September 10th is our Chapter meeting at Weld Park outside of Stillman Valley, following meeting will be our Family Picnic, please join us.

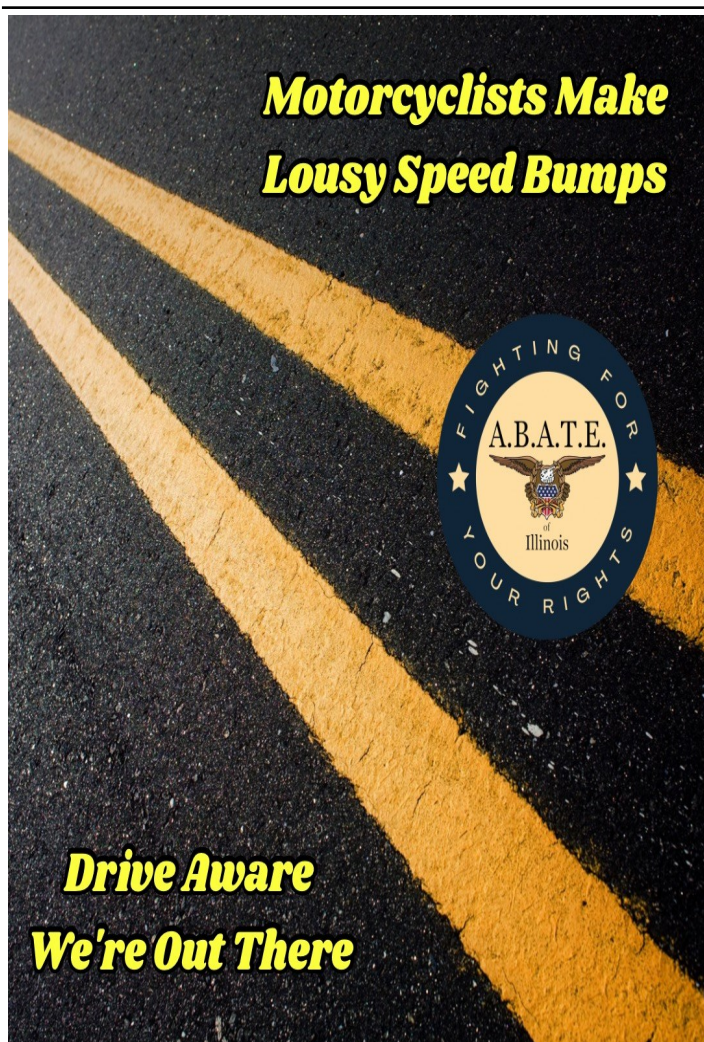
Officers meeting AUGUST 3RD AND SEPT 7TH @ 6:00 at the Rack on 72 in the basement.

Reminder there will not be a AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING.

REMINDER WATCH OUR THUNDER ROCK PAGE FOR ANY UP DATES OR DETAILS ON EVENTS.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, STAY SAFE AND ENJOY THE RIDE.

Thunder Rock



NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



Northern Illinois Chapter

Northern Illinois chapter has been busy in communities across the northern suburbs since our May

meeting. Members participated in an escort of U.S. Navy recruits from Great Lakes to Wauconda for the Memorial Day parade, fundraisers for Representatives Martin McLaughlin in South Barrington and Tom Weber in Fox Lake and joined in the cross country journey of Adam Sandoval promoting Harley Davidson's 120th anniversary. Adam was presented with a Northern Illinois ABATE t-shirt at one of a couple stops in northern Illinois.

We attended the June 25th Walneck's Swap Meet at the McHenry County fairgrounds promoting ABATE, selling bike raffle tickets and soliciting memberships. Welcome back to our group Derrick R. who signed up for five years! Approval was given a day earlier to purchase a pop up tent from Extreme Canopy for use at these and other events. Kevin has gotten the artwork going and production should begin shortly. We are hopeful to get the in time for our July meeting for everyone to see.

Our July meeting date has been changed to Saturday July 29. Doyle's Pub will be closed due to the Country Thunder event just across the state line the weekend of the 22nd. The August meeting date is Saturday August 26th at 11 AM.

Wanted:

Abate of Illinois Chapter T-Shirts

The purpose of this request is to create a quilt using a t-shirt from each chapter in Illinois.

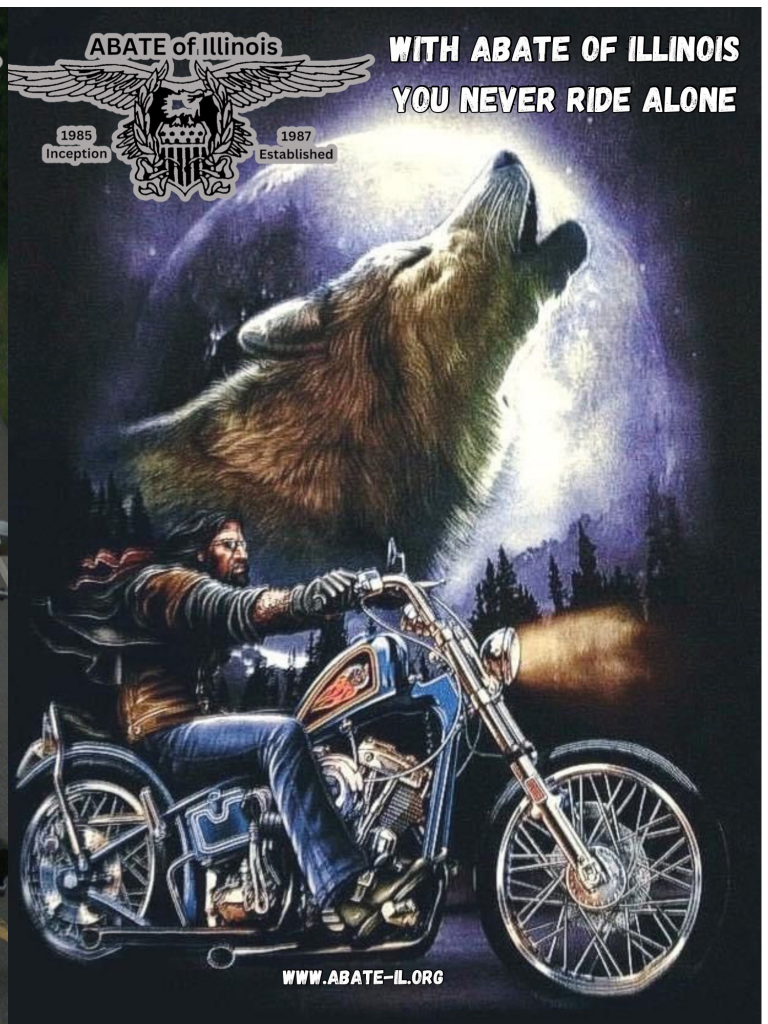
The quilt will be put together in time for the ABATEPAC auction at the 2024 State Seminar. Quilts of this nature have been a successful auction item at previous seminars.

Please bring to the BOD meeting in June or August and give to NE Region Coordinator Rich Gruner.

Another option would be to mail to 1125 Ash Road, Hoffman Estates, IL, 60169.

For questions please contact Rich Gruner at 847.533.8349.

Deadline September 16, 2023





Happy August from DuKane ABATE!

July was a great – and very busy – month for us.

Plenty of riding, celebrating Independence Day on July 4th, and great events! The DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash on July 15th was a great success, even if we did have to work around some pesky road construction. The DuKane Santa Girls worked their tails off washing those dirty motorcycles, so huge thanks to them for their hard work! Law Tigers once again supported this event and were great to partner up with. And, as always, Knuckleheads Tavern continued to show why they're a great DuKane ABATE and ABATE of Illinois supporter by being the most gracious of hosts! Any time you're in the area, I highly recommend you stop by and support them back! Even Elburn Mayor Jeff Walter stopped by to take part in the fun and camaraderie! Then on July 22nd, the 8th Annual #Sethtastic Motorcycle Run was off the charts! Hundreds of motorcycles and jeeps left Fox River Harley-Davidson in St. Charles and rode 65+ miles on a fully escorted and blocked ride (Thank you Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain!) by the Kane County Sheriff's Department and Kane County Emergency Management and ended up at Schmidt's Towne Tap for an awesome after party with music by iPop! There were so many great sponsors for this event like the Teamsters, Valley Fire Protection, Catom Trucking, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Legacy Properties & Amy Nelson, Electric Conduit Construction, and others. And all of this was done to bring awareness and prevention to suicide in teens and young adults. This is such an important issue and one that should never be hidden. As always, remember if you ever need help with depression or suicidal thoughts, the number to dial is 9-8-8. You'll immediately be connected with someone that can help. These two amazing events were great to be a part of with everyone!

We continue to talk about motorcycle awareness and how important it is in DuPage and Kane County. Well, for the third month in a row, here we go again. On July 4th, the Mayor of Elburn's son was out riding his 2016 Yamaha and was hit at the intersection of Corron Rd and McDonald Rd in Elgin by a female who blew through the stop sign because SHE WAS TEXTING. Luckily, the motorcyclist walked away with only a few bruises this time. But again, what do we have to do to get the distracted texting driving to stop in Illinois?! There have been too many crashes and too many motorcyclist fatalities in 2023 and many of those are due to distracted driving. The penalties and enforcement of this issue need to be raised, BIG TIME. Big thanks to Steve Graef and Law Tigers for getting on this crash immediately. We cannot stop staying in the public eye and talking about the importance of motorcycle awareness!



Next up for the DuKane Chapter is another fun event as we'll be taking part in the 2023 Elburn Days Parade on Friday August 18th. We'll meet at the Elburn Community Center (Route 47 in Elburn) by 5:00pm. This is always a great opportunity to let a community see DuKane ABATE and hear what it is we do. It's also fun to enjoy the festivities afterwards. Please come out and join us for this event! Then, as always, it's TOY AND FOOD RUN SEASON! The 37th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run is happening October 8th. Music by the Cave Dwellers kicks off at Knuckleheads Tavern along with breakfast from Rise N' Dine at 9:30am. At 12:30pm, we go on a fully escorted ride to the Sycamore Speedway where we'll have another awesome after party with music by Mock Star, our famous burn out competition, the presence of the DuKane Santa Girls, visits from our Elected Officials, Bull Riding, and more! Events Officer Chris Newman, Secretary Amy Nelson, and the rest of the DuKane BOD have been hard at work getting this event together, and it's for the kids so make sure you grab a toy and food donation and come on out for this event October 8th!

Well, Ski dropped a bomb and one that landed right here in DuKane ABATE's backyard. It seems that Telsa has decided to hire workers to take their robot vehicles out on the roads and collect data on their self-driving systems in Elgin, IL. This is unacceptable that Tesla continues to be allowed to run these vehicles that don't see and are killing motorcyclists on our roads in DuPage and Kane County with no rules, regulations, or restrictions. We'll be working closely with Ski on this issue as Tesla will hear LOUDLY that we do NOT want their robot vehicles on our roads endangering motorcyclists. We will NOT be their field tests!

Make sure to join us on August 15th 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.

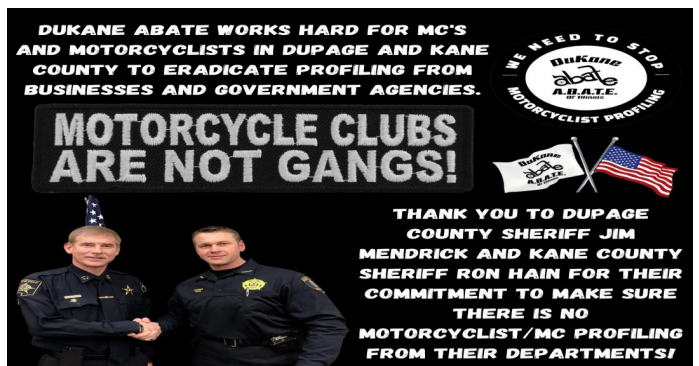
Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

DuKane Chapter of ABATE of Illinois President

630-618-7551 chrishdguy@gmail.com



EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty Chapter

Hello Liberty Chapter and Friends! Here we are in August already, where does the time go? I hope you have been out and about taking advantage of the many riding opportunities throughout our great State. How about some of our Liberty events? Hopefully you had a chance to stop by or even better volunteer at our Bagelfest booth on the July 21-22 in Peterson Park. We were able to sell some of the bike raffle tickets and put out the word on ABATE.

How about the block party at the Boldt Bar, held the same Saturday as Bagelfest? there was certainly no shortage of events that were going on that day, hopefully a good time was had by all. A shout out to Embrass Valley and SharyInn for all their hard work.

Backing up a bit, we had the July 4th parade, with good participation of over 20 people, two floats, and several riders. Thanks to all who participated and lent their equipment for our use. Thank you to our Prez Henry for allowing his garage for the decorating.

The next event we have, although not an official

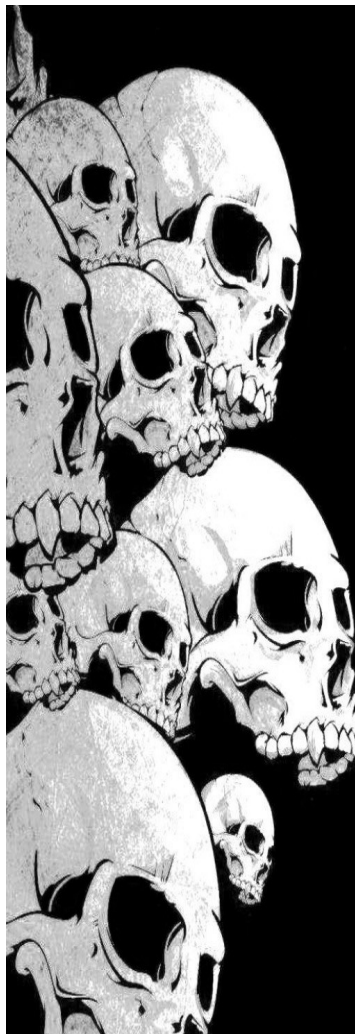
ABATE event, is the Camp New Hope ride. It will be held on August 12. Sign up is at Camp New Hope and the Neoga American Legion. KSU is 11 am. Liberty has always been a supporter of this event and we have several members who lead it.

And then there is THE MAIN EVENT! Yes the Backwoods Biker Bash is back, bigger this year, with more of everything! It is now the ABATE East Central Region Party! We will be having a DJ spinning tunes Friday night, with a band on Saturday. Bike games, field events and adult contests. As of this writing the details are being worked out, so stay tuned to Facebook where we will be posting updates. The place- east of Sullivan IL at the 4H campgrounds. The dates- August 25-27. Who- you, and all your friends and family, even drag along the ones you don't like. All are welcome!

Other events- Monthly meeting at the Mattoon Moose, August 13. 1:30

Board of Directors meeting in Springfield, 1 pm August 17.

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WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Central Illinois Chapter

We hope everyone is having a great riding season.

We have started our Chip Trip to the Bash contest. We are busy planning for the 41st Annual Bash on August 25, 26, and 27, 2023

at the Knox County Fairgrounds.

We are looking for auction items and trophy sponsors, and Bash t-shirt sponsors.

If you would like to be a vendor please contact us.

Please Contact Jill Randall (309)299-1246 with any questions.

If you are a Central Illinois Abate member and would like to order a chapter shirt contact Jill.

Thank you and Looking forward to another great Bash!

Jill Randall Secretary,

Public Relations, B.O.D.



Lincoln Land Chapter

Article submitted by



Piasa Gateway Chapter

My husband, Gene Ely, was a dedicated ABATE member for several years, and had been past president of Piasa Gateway Chapter. Unfortunately, he passed away on June 2nd. I know that this isn't an ad for an event, but I want to get a sincere thank you out to the gentlemen that came to my husband's interment on June 9th. Four members from the Lincoln Land Chapter came out to pay their respects. Unfortunately, I don't remember their names, but I did get a picture to keep.

I appreciated it so much.

Can you please post this picture with a sincere thank you from me to them and the Lincoln Land Chapter for going above and beyond?

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Dona Ely, Membership Coordinator
Piasa Gateway Chapter
ABATE of Illinois, Inc.



Lincoln Land Chapter

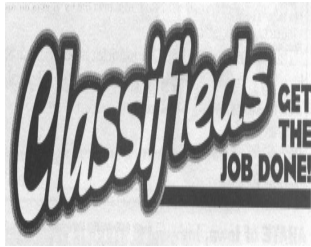
President Report :

Here we are halfway through the year. Plenty of riding season left. Let's make the remaining season a safe one. By the time this comes to print, our BBQ/Meeting will be behind us. We invited a representative from the Springfield Police Department to come speak to the chapter.

Our reasoning is to get a viewpoint from law enforcement on what they perceive as the main cause to all the recent motorcycle fatalities. We are hoping for some good information we can pass on to our members and the general public. Anything to stop the insanity. It seems we have had more accidents and fatalities this year compared to the past few years. Our chapter gets out into the public and tries to teach the dangers of distracted driving. Unfortunately the latest of crashes has seemed to be our own fault. In my opinion speed and anger as an attitude has taken a role. We shall see what our local law enforcement has to say or add to that. For some riders, speed is an addiction that can prove deadly. Also, nobody should ever get on a bike pissed off or after an argument or disagreement. If your head is not 100% in the game, 2-wheels is not the mode of transportation to be taking. Actually no driving is recommended. Countless individuals have lost their lives after getting on or in a vehicle and speed away with your head in the wrong place. As I said, we shall see what law enforcement has to add to the mix. Promote Safe and Responsible riding please. Your family depends on it!!!

OK, now the next thing the chapter has coming up is our biggest chapter fundraiser of the year. Our chapter's Downed Rider Event July 30, 2023. 12-5pm. is a great time. For a mere few dollars you can enjoy an afternoon of Games, Prizes, Live Music and entertainment along with a live and silent auction. Everyone is invited. We need EVERY AVAILABLE member to help pull this off please. We usually end up with just enough volunteers to cover the shifts, but not enough for those individuals to take a much needed break and the ability to enjoy some of the event themselves. This is a plea for members to step up and work an hour or two to relieve the volunteers and spread the workload out amongst everyone who volunteers. Put in 2 hours to help your chapter be successful and continue to help our members in need get the financial support needed to help pay a medical bill or a payment not to lose a vehicle or help make a house payment. Last thing we need is for one of our members to lose their house or motorcycle due to an injury or illness. Let's be there for the chapter and the members who will need the benefit of the Downed Rider Program.

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Date July 15th, 2023, MRF Report to ABATE of Illinois

Congressman Troy Balderson (Ohio)

MRF Membership in the state of Illinois stands at 469 members with 88 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.

Congressman Darin LaHood (Illinois)

Thank you to our current and past award winners. Your commitment to protecting the rights and freedoms of bikers is greatly appreciated. Dennis "Clever" Yeager 14459 W. West Grove Rd. Forresteron, IL. 61030 815-238-6262 Cleaver1957@gmail.com

2022 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Champions

Representative Susie Lee of Nevada and Representative Mike Gallagher of Wisconsin were recently honored as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) 2022 Legislators of the Year. With bikers from around the country gathering in Washington, D.C. for Bikers Inside the Beltway, it was a great chance to thank our 2022 award winners.

Representative Lee was instrumental in seeking answers from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on the profiling of bikers. Representative Gallagher was the lead sponsor of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) bill which was included in a larger transportation bill that officially reestablished the MAC.

Both items championed by these two lawmakers are key parts of the MRF legislative agenda. Each lawmaker was presented with a customized leather vest and now joins an exclusive list of past MRF legislators of the year.



Senator Ron Johnson (Wisconsin)

Senator John Thune (South Dakota)

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8/02	Richland County
8/03	Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County
8/04	Freedom Riders
8/05	So Illinois 27
8/06	Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz, Kishwaukee Valley
8/07	
8/08	
8/09	Will County
8/10	Heart of Illinois, Old River, St. Clair
8/11	Midstate
8/12	Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
8/13	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Liberty, Windy City, Ten Mile Creek, Shawnee Hills
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8/17	South Suburban
8/18	DuKane, Lincoln Land
8/19	Chicago Black Diamond
8/20	Freeport, Prairieland
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Thank You Black Diamond for your donations: General Fund \$500 and Memorial Fund \$500

Thank you Heart of Illinois Chapter for donating \$250 to the State Party from the duck sales.

Thank You Freeport Chapter for your \$200 donation to the General Fund

Thank You Prairieland Chapter for your \$200 donation to the Memorial Fund.

Thank You for your generous donations!



ABATE State Calendar for 2023

(Subject to Change) All Board Meetings will be held at the
Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
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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



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