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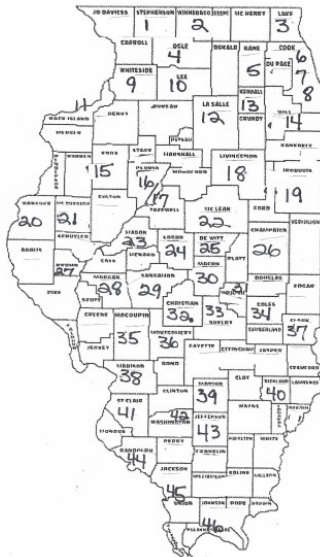
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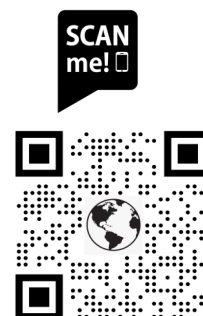
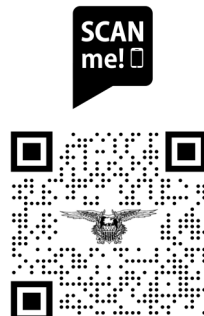
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A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education ensures that the rights and freedoms enjoyed by motorcyclists/ off-roaders/ATV riders in Illinois will not disappear. ABATE believes that freedom of choice is one we can't lose and will work with state and local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



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

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State
Coordinator

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

Well we are at the end of another riding season here in Illinois. We had a lot of good riding weather, and our chapters put on some great events this year. Good job everyone. We had a productive year on legislative issues and our bike raffle went very well. So, over all a good year.

Next year, however, will be a challenge that we need to meet head on.

First as always membership. Our numbers have dropped this year, and we need to come up with new and creative ways to increase membership.

Two, push ever harder on safety issues and training. We lost to many friends, and family to crashes this year.

Three, work even harder with our friends in the house and senate. This is so very important in the coming year as we have issues with bills that will greatly impact our way of riding. We can't let that happen.

Lastly my personal pet peeve. We must let old issues that happened in the past within our ranks go. We don't have the time in the upcoming year for them. We must become a united front to accomplish our goals. There

will be far too many issues attacking our rights for us to be in fighting. With elections in December for your state board, think about that when you vote, because when January starts the slate is clean and we go forward as a team and a brother/sisterhood. Protecting our future and safeguarding all of the riders of this state.

We, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, must stay focused, dedicated, strong, and we must do this as a united front. If we stand as a bother/sisterhood and let old issues within die, there is nothing we can't do and there is no one that can stop us. Last thought, we also must work with all other bike rights organizations, but we MUST and WILL always be the voice for motorcycle rights in this state. Let no one tell you different. We have the people, the voice, and the drive and no one can take that away. So, stay strong, answer the call when given and support your chapters and state board.

I am proud to call each and every one of you A.B.A.T.E. family and strongest voice in bikers rights.

Thanks, you one and all for being A.B.A.T.E. and as always please ride safe.

Bob (Mouse Ellinger) State Coordinator.



Assistant State
Coordinator

Hello everyone, first off want to apologize for no article last month and I am Sorry for that. State seminar January 19th and 20th Springfield Northfield inn and Suites. I hope everyone is planning on attending. Get your reservation made now. This year's seminar Back to the Basics of ABATE. I will be needing volunteers to help set up and tear down. If you would like to help please feel free to contact me.

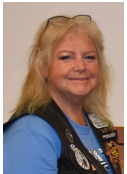
I just want to say Thank you for letting me serve you all the last 2 years. Hopefully you all will have me back for another year.

Scott "Scooter" Carter



State
Treasurer

No article submitted.



Activities
Coordinator

No article submitted.



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LEGISLATIVE

By Josh "SKI" Witkowski

No article submitted.



Products Coordinator

Good day to All ABATE of Illinois members.

Hope everyone has joyous and safe Holidays.

Looking forward to a safe and prosperous New Year.

Hope to see a lot of old and new faces at the Upcoming State Seminar in January.

WE WILL BE PRE SELLING THE SEMINAR SHIRT ONCE THE PROOF IS COMPLETED TERI WILL POST IT AND MAKE AVAILABLE. SHIRT COST \$25 AND \$30

Teri and I are working together to get the Products store up and running. Hopefully will be up and running soon.

Hopefully will be bringing some new things to the store for

ABATE members to purchase.

Would like to thank each and all of you for the support to ABATE of Illinois. There are many things keeping us together to preserve our freedoms. We all need to continue to work together for that purpose for that common goal.

Ride Safe

Paulette Korte

ABATE of Illinois

Products Coordinator



Newsletter Coordinator

Articles due November 11th, 2023 for the December Online issue of the newsletter. Thank you to the Chapters that submit articles and keeps us updated with the news and events around the state. You are welcome to send photos and I will post if there is room, please limit the number if photos on printed issues. *New Supporting business letter upon request.*

STATE SEMINAR
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Safety and Ed Coordinator

December is here and many Riders have their Bikes in storage and some will endure the cold days and take advantage of the nice ones. Always remember the Salted Roads can be harmful and destructive to our Motorcycles.. The corrosion is a slow process and will find its way into the nooks and crannies of your motorcycle if it's been exposed to the road salt. Salt will even absorb moisture in the dry weather and even on sunny days when heat increases an electrochemical process.. I

recommend a DEEP CLEANING.. Always be prepared for bad weather, breakdowns or other accidents you ride or drive up on. Its a good idea to try to carry water, gloves, hats, jackets, blankets, hand warmers on you no matter what you are driving..11/11/2023 Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities = 143..I hope to see you all at the ABATE of Illinois Seminar and Banquet on Jan. 19-20. Ride and Drive Safe!

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

John "Fireball" Anderson Safety & Education Safety@abate-il.org 217-725-4509



**START SEEING!
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Safety & Education Department A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois



State Secretary

Merry Christmas Everyone, The December 16,2023 meeting will be held at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30am. The Board of Directors will meet at 1:00pm. We will be holding elections for the 2024 Executive Board during the BOD meeting along with seating members on the By-law committee and PACs.

Thank you for entrusting me to be the Secretary this past year and again into 2024. I'm humbled by the faith placed in me and will continue to work for all of you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you. Teri Smith ABATE of Illinois, Secretary.



Nominations for 2024 Executive Board

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Activities Coordinator

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ABATE of Illinois State Calendar for 2024

(Subject to Change)

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

Table with 2 columns: DATE and EVENT. Rows include dates from January 19-21 to December 14 with corresponding events like Seminar, E-Board and BOD meeting, Legislative Day, etc.

TBD = to be determined

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West Central

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Southwest

Martha Patterson



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



#MotorcyclesArePrimary



ABATE of Illinois
Yard Signs

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

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ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

ABATE of Illinois is working to ensure that Motorcycle Safety Courses remain free and available to all of those that want to learn to ride in Illinois.

The Cycle Rider Safety Training Program offers courses for riders of all skill and experience levels. All courses are free to any Illinois resident 16 or older who holds a valid automobile or motorcycle driver's license or permit.

JOIN ABATE OF ILLINOIS TODAY AND JOIN THE FIGHT TO ENSURE THESE CLASSES REMAIN!

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Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters!

December is here, and so I'd like to say that I hope you all had a Blessed Thanksgiving that you got to spend with family and/or friends. It's even better if you got to enjoy some wind therapy too!

With 153 motorcyclist fatalities in Illinois in 2023, we can't stress enough getting out into your communities and talking with people about motorcycle awareness. While many people think we've put our rides away for the year, we all know that isn't the case for many of us. We are still out on the roads in Illinois and people need to know it. We cannot continue to sit idly by while our brothers and sisters are getting killed because of reasons like distracted driving and texting drivers. At the same time, this applies to us as riders. We can't be riding intoxicated or breaking the laws by speeding or cutting between traffic. Motorcycle Safety goes both ways, and we need to communicate that when we're out in our communities. We need to do something to stop the rising number of motorcyclist fatalities!

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

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 December 16th 2023

ABATE of Illinois Christmas Party on December 16th 2023

ABATE of Illinois Seminar and Banquet on January 19th – 20th 2024

ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet on April 28th 2024

I want to thank you for your nomination for a 4th term as the ABATE of Illinois Public Relations Coordinator. I really feel we've gone in the right direction as far as getting our organization out into the public. But there's so much more to do. That's why I have accepted the nomination so that we can keep the work going. I look forward to continuing this work with you all.

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

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

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LETTER OF INTENT
2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Treasurer

I, Paul Truax, intend to be State Treasurer of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc for 2024.

A few years ago I started doing bookkeeper services which saved \$4,000 the first year. I continue to save thousands annually for these services. I was able to bring in more than seven thousand in government grants during the pandemic. As of 2023, I was able to finally include all bank accounts (there are seven) and our investment accounts into our balance sheet. It's been a pleasure to serve you and ABATE of Illinois. I look forward to many more years of service.

East Central Region Coordinator

I william (howdy) mills would like consideration for East Central Reagon Coordinator, i have held this office for a year, ive had this office a total of 3 years pryer, i have tried my best to help chapters in my reagon with any problems that have come up. I also have enjoyed meeting and seeing everyone i can in the region. I've been to many of my chapters events and meetings and plan on continuing interacing with every chapter that i can, even those outside my region.

William (Howdy) Mills

I, Rick Makowski, am honored to have been nominated for EC regional coordinator and am looking forward to serving on the executive board and representing all of the chapters in our region. I have been a member of abate for over 20 years and have served on the board of directors for 18 years as the current bod representative for heart of Illinois chapter for the last 7 years and previously as the alternate bod rep. I have previously served as president and Vice President for our chapter and have been our chapter legislative coordinator for the past 18 years. I would like your support and look forward to serving all of the chapters in our region along with Todd Farthing as co-coordinator. Thanks

I, Todd Farthing am honored to have been nominated as East Central Region Coordinator. I've been an active member with Abate since 2021 and have experience as a chapter vice president. I'm familiar with many of the chapters in the region and look forward to serving them as a co-coordinator with Rick Makowski I would greatly appreciate your support. Thank you.

West Central Region Coordinator

My Name is Jason Duff. For the past year I have been the Activities Coordinator for Lincoln Land. I have gotten to know members in other chapter across the state and enjoyed all the state activities this past year as well. As a member of ABATE I have always looked past just the chapter and thought of everything as a whole and in the best interest of the organization. Due to that thinking I have considered running for the West Central Coordinator position on the EBOD. As the West Central Coordinator I would visit each chapter in my region. Sit down with them and find out what works in each chapter as to retaining members and how they get members. I would than share this information with other chapters for them to try. The goal is to bring old members back and to lean on new younger members. I would work on bringing back chapter challenges and other things that have stopped that I hear chapters liked. I own my own company allowing me to control my schedule to do what is needed and attend not just state stuff but come to chapters to talk and help with anything they bring to my attention. By having me as the Coordinator the state can save money on Hotel rooms since I live 4 blocks from the hotel where the BOD and EBOD has their meetings in Springfield also saving money for all other state events in Springfield like the seminar, rally, swap meet, and Christmas party. I believe we need some younger members stepping up and younger members brought into the organization. This will keep ABATE alive and at the same time help educate the younger generation on things they don't know when riding. Sincerely

Jason A. Duff

My intent is to run for region coordinator for West Central with Mike Thompson. With Mike in the west and me in the east we should serve the region better. Thanks for your support. Promote ABATE George Hurst

To The BOD, I wish to submit my letter of intent to serve as our West Central Region Co-Coordinator.

Thank you for your consideration. Michael E. Thompson

Northwest Region Coordinator

I want to say thank you to everyone who has supported and help me this year! It has been an honor to serve you as a the NW Region Coordinator. I would like to be considered for re-election in 2024. I will continue to do my best to serve this organization as a productive member. In the last year I have had the opportunity to get the Future of ABATE Committee up and going, serve my chapters, and meet some amazing people. Looking forward to serving again. Thank you again. Ride Safe and Free Robert Ruddell

Northwest Region Coordinator



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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

No Article Submitted



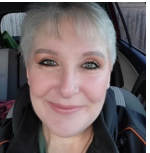
NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: ROBERT RUDELL

No article submitted.



EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: WILLIAM "HOWDY" MILLS

No Article Submitted

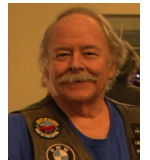


WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: APRIL JONES

No article submitted.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

No article submitted.



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: Robert Stout

No article submitted.



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“THE CAR SHOULDN’T HAVE BEEN THERE”

The good kind of pro bono. We try to do as much pro bono as possible; and it doesn't always turn out like you'd expect. Sometimes what you were told by your pro bono client (and your basis for agreeing to help out) turns out to be... more of a story than a factual account of events. Or a little detail was left out, say maybe, that they had six priors of the exact same offense. (OK, just because you did it before doesn't mean you did it this time, but it is certainly relevant information for your attorney.)

And then of course, there are those times when someone tells you the honest to goodness truth. And you get the joy of helping someone navigate a wrong to make it right. I got an inquiry from an ABATE member who said his sister's car stalled so they, along with a good Samaritan, pushed it over out of the way of traffic and parked it on the side of the road. About an hour later another motorist, during broad daylight, ran straight into the back of the parked car. This ABATE member spoke with the other driver's insurance and the adverse driver's insurance said they were denying liability because "the car shouldn't have been there." I assumed one call from me, and we'd have this thing resolved, but when I called the adjuster, she was dead set on denying liability. She even sent me a picture of a sign that said no parking and told me, "see, the car shouldn't have been there." I responded to this with all the arguments that should've brought this adjuster to her senses, but to no avail. (The adverse driver even stated she saw the parked car from far away, realized it wasn't moving, but then somehow still ran into it.) So, I filed a lawsuit, which caused the case to be switched to a new adjuster, then I sent the new adjuster a copy of all the expenses incurred and estimates for repair and they promptly paid up.

Moral of the story, well there are a few: 1) don't give up just because insurance denies your claim (this is what most people do and insurance companies know this); 2) sometimes adjusters deny claims when it is clearly their insured's fault; 3) always be skeptical of the adjuster whose title is "**unrepresented** claims adjuster"; 4) short of the car being parked behind a blind curve or the like, it is basically never the parked car's fault; and 5) sometimes you just have to sue their ass.

-by Hilary Barnes ABATE LEGAL LAWYER.



DROP MY NAME

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

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

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

JUST IN TIME LAWYERS

Q. I just had a traffic accident ? Do I need a lawyer right now?

A. Well, that depends. In a serious crash always call and talk to your lawyer or someone at ABATE Legal. You can get valuable starting points and the do's and don'ts. Most traffic accidents fall into four categories: property damage only, minor injury, moderate injury and major injury. These classifications aren't exact, but can be useful guidelines. (This discussion presumes that you weren't at fault and there is insurance coverage available.)

1. Property damage only: Almost always, no lawyer needed, except when a special edition or customized bike/vehicle is involved. If the damage to the car or bike is readily evaluated, the insurance company will make a settlement based on the value of the property and the policy provisions. There may be a little room for negotiations, but generally, the estimates will dictate the settlement. As to value disputes with the insurance company, get on EBAY and get comparative value information. And remember that you paid retail - not wholesale as the adjuster may try to pull one over on you. If you have trouble with that, call us.

2. Minor injury: Usually, no lawyer is needed, so long as your injury is truly minor. Have your doctor sign off on that one before you even think about signing a release and accepting a settlement for your injuries, and don't be in a hurry. Take the time to completely heal. Your doctor should be able to determine if you have fully recovered. If the insurance company is not responsive, call us. We can help. Sometimes just mentioning my name does it. See first article above.

In these types of accidents, the injured person has bumps and bruises, and may be a bit sore, but has no symptoms that last more than a week, and will have lost no more than a couple of days off work. Oftentimes, the medical claims will be only for a brief visit to the hospital to be checked out after the accident, a follow up visit to the family doctor, and some pain medication or muscle relaxants. In these cases, the insurance company will make a settlement offer after you have been released from treatment by the doctor. The settlement will generally include the medical bills, lost wages, and an amount to compensate you for your pain and inconvenience. The amount of the settlement will be negotiable, and the insurance company may not make an offer unless you have made a demand first. Make sure that your communications with the

claims adjuster are in writing (preferably email), and keep your demands reasonable. We can assist you with a proper evaluation.

3. Moderate injury: A lawyer is needed. These injuries are ones that may debilitate for a period of time, or may lead to lifelong impairments of a part of the body, but are not life threatening. The lost wages may be significant, or the calculation of the pain and suffering damages may be complex. Our office will be able to negotiate with the insurance company and secure the best compensation for you. If a suit is necessary, we can represent your interests.

4. Serious injury: You should always contact a lawyer. These cases involve life changing circumstances. There are many complex issues that will have to be evaluated and considered. Without an attorney, you will be at a serious disadvantage.

DISTRACTED DRIVERS

Drivers eating french fries, fooling with the radio, yelling at the kids and TALKING ON CELL PHONES killed over 3,500 people in 2021. The numbers say that if you are going to get killed in a traffic accident, 20% of the time it will be by a distracted driver. I do not have the stats for motorcycles only. Since no state has a total ban on the use of cellphones while driving, it is up to us to be on the lookout for the obvious signs of distracted driving.

NOTE: Our office requests the cell phone records of the adverse driver in cases where that is an issue, and we have learned that in many cases the driver was on the cell phone at the time of the crash. Some companies prohibit the use of cellphones while driving on company business and this should always be the case with vehicles in high traffic areas. Our pitch is that driving is

complicated enough with navigating and it follows that the driver does not need anything else to do while tooling around in what might be 5k pounds of death machinery.

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Rod Taylor

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| Nov 23-26, 2023 | Springfield | White Oaks Mall | Thanksgiving Weekend |
| Dec 8-24, 2023 | Springfield | White Oaks Mall | Christmas Holiday |
| Jan 7, 2024 | Belleville | Belle-Clair Fairgrounds | Winter Blows Swap Meet |
| Jan 19-20, 2024 | Springfield | Northfield Inn | ABATE Seminar |
| February 11, 2024 | Princeton | Fairgrounds | Swap Meet |
| February 17, 2024 | Mattoon | Moose Lodge | Liberty Anniversary Party |
| February 25, 2024 | Dixon | Elks Club | Swap Meet |
| April 13, 2024 | Martinsville | Moonshine Store | Lunch Run |
| April 14, 2024 | Belleville | Belle-Clair Fairgrounds | TBL Motorcycle Swap Meet |
| April 28, 2024 | Springfield | Fairgrounds - Orr Building | ABATE Swap Meet |
| May 3-4, 2024 | Fulton | Dutch Days | Fulton History Celebration |
| May 24-27, 2024 | Langley | Psycho Silo | Memorial Day Weekend |
| May 31-June 2, 2024 | Leaf River | Leaf River daze | ABATE Awareness |
| June 7-8, 2024 | Darlington, WI | Lafayette County Fair | Canoe Festival, Beowulf MC Party |
| June 15, 2024 | Marseilles | Downtown | Freedom Run |
| June 20-23, 2024 | Lenark | Crooked Roof | Old Settlers Days |
| July 4, 2024 | Stockton | Memorial Park | July 4 th Celebration |
| July 12-14, 2024 | Freeport | Tutty Days Festival | ABATE & MRF Awareness |
| July 18-20, 2024 | Freeport | Big O's on the Hallow | ABATE & MRF Awareness |
| July 27, 2024 | Sandwich | Downtown | Car Show |
| July 28, 2024 | Sycamore | Downtown | Car Show |
| August 2-4, 2024 | Forreston | City Park | Sauerkraut Days |
| August 10-11, 2024 | Mendota | Downtown | Sweetcorn Festival |
| August 23-24, 2024 | Tonica | Downtown | Jeep Jam & Car Show |
| Aug 29-Sept 1, 2024 | Springfield | State Fairgrounds | Springfield Mile - Drawing |

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

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| December 1-3, 2023 | March 23-24, 2024 |
| December 29-30, 2023 | March 29-31, 2024 |
| January 12-14, 2024 | April 5-7, 2024 |
| January 26-28, 2024 | April 19-21, 2024 |
| February 2-4, 2024 | May 10-12, 2024 |
| March 1-3, 2024 | May 17-19, 2024 |
| March 8-10, 2024 | June 28-30, 2024 |
| March 15-17, 2024 | July 5-7, 2024 |
| | August 16-18, 2024 |



NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport
Chapter

Welcome to December. I'm still seeing a few brave riders out on the roads. Please use caution when riding this time of year.

The roads can become very slippery when the sun goes down, and wet leaves are extremely slippery. Some farmers are still trying to get their crops in so watch for debris on the roads also. Otherwise enjoy your ride.

Don't forget to bring your mileage to the December meeting as our mileage contest will end at our December meeting. This mileage will be used as your starting mileage for the 2024 mileage contest.

Our December meeting will also be our Christmas Party. We will be having a white elephant gift exchange, bake sale, and potluck dinner. Pat O'Brien and family have graciously allowed us to have our party at Big O's again this year. We will also have a bartender so Pat and Doreen can enjoy the party with us. Tip big, it's Christmas. Bring your favorite party dish to pass. We have a signup sheet at the meeting so we don't all bring the same thing. If you aren't at the meeting, just bring what ever you want. I'm certain it will all be delicious as usual. After dinner we will do the gift exchange. This is always a hoot. If you have never been to the Christmas party why not start this year. Voting for our Chapter officers for 2024 will be held, and our Chapter officers for 2024 will be announced. I hope to see all of you there. Our meeting starts at 12:30, but come early and enjoy some hors d'oeuvres before the meeting. All members and their guests are welcome. Your kids are always welcome at our events also. After all, they are our future.

Our Chapter received some sad news on Veteran's Day. Patti Noeller passed away. Patti was a Chapter member for years from the "olden days". Many of the older members will remember her. She was a very active member at the time. Condolences go out to her husband and family.

The Chapter wrapped gifts at Kegel's again this year, Not sure how we did since I'm writing this the beginning of November, but I'm sure we did well.

The Chapter has an award for Perfect Attendance. You need to attend the January meeting to be eligible to win. ABATE of Illinois also gives you a free 1 year membership if you sign up 10 new members in 2024. Invite your friends to become a Freedom Fighter with us. Membership cost is \$25 dollars, but the Freeport Chapter pays \$5 of that so your cost is \$20 for a new member. If they sign up at one of our runs they get to ride the run for free. The Mann-iac run is excluded from this offer.

The Chapter has a lot of events already planned for 2024. Our Mann-iac books will be ready by March so you can get an early start. There are 24 stops, most within 100 miles of Freeport. Books cost \$15 and the ride goes until our October meeting.

The date for our January Chapter meeting has been changed to the second Sunday, January 14, 2024, because of the seminar. 12:30pm at The Freeport Eagle's Club.

January is the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar. If you have never attended this event you should. There is tons of information handed out, breakout sessions, and plenty of time to party in the hospitality room. There is also a Mexican restaurant in the building with the best margaritas (and food) in Springfield. State awards and certificates are handed out at the awards banquet. There is also a silent auction, and live auction both nights benefitting the ABATE PAC and Fed PAC. The dates for the seminar are January 19-20, 2024. It is held at the Northfield Inn in Springfield.

February is the NW Region Chili Shoot. This is held in Dixon at the VFW. Bring your best pot of chili and hopefully win a prize. There are 3 places in hot, and mild chili, and a Peoples Choice award. Always fun seeing ABATE members from other Chapters in the region. There is also a bake sale, 50/50 drawing, and silent and live auction. This is held on Saturday, February 3, 2024. There is a \$5 donation at the door. There is no cost to enter a pot of chili.

February is also the Chapter's annual Margarita run to Fiesta en Cancun in Freeport. This is on February 10, 2024, at 6pm. If you are planning on attending please give Becky a call at 815-980-7481 so we can give the restaurant a heads up on how many people are attending.

March will be the Chapter's 38th Anniversary Party. Plans are just starting for this event so watch our website and Facebook page for details.

The Chapter has also started doing a gun raffle again. Check our website to see if there are still tickets available. We will be selling 150 tickets, and as soon they are sold we will do the drawing. We will be doing several of these raffles throughout the winter and spring. You MUST have a FOID card to pickup the gun. The first raffle is a Springfield Arms Hellcat 9mm.

We hope to see everyone at an event in 2024. The more the merrier.

Safe Travels,

Becky





Starved
Rock
Chapter

***2023 meetings begin at
12:30***

Do you know that your life is in danger when riding your motorcycle if a driverless vehicle is near you on the road? Do you know there are over 768,000 driverless vehicles in the USA. It is a FACT that driverless vehicles DO NOT RECOGNIZE motorcyclists, bicyclists, or pedestrians. Driverless vehicles are known to have run into ambulances, police cars, state trucks, and other vehicles that may be assisting motorists. ABATE NEEDS YOU AND YOU NEED ABATE!

Starved Rock Chapter would like to welcome new members Brett Freeman from Streator, Rose Nicholson from Wenona, Eric Harris and Elizabeth Ziegler from Utica, and Eric and Rachel Kreiser from Tonica.

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

We had a meeting on Sunday October 15th at Softails in Ladd. Softails is owned by Starved Rock Chapter member and Supporter Noreen Griffin. There was a fried chicken buffet that everyone who ate, said was very good. Thanks Noreen and staff! We had 30 members present. Mary Sexton and Connie Mann won the door prizes. Karen Bramel won the membership drawing and donated 22.00 to the chapter. Thanks Karen! We had first round of Officers for 2024.

Starved Rock Chapter participated in the Utica Veterans Parade Sunday November 5th. It was a beautiful day to ride. **THANK YOU RIDERS** for being respectful and proceeding in a safe manner through the parade route!

We had a meeting Sunday November 12th at the Kangley Inn in Kangley. There were 32 members and 3 guests present. Door prizes were awarded to members Karen Bramel and Linda Brandt. Guest winning a door prize was Rachel Kreiser. Bob Ganze won the membership drawing and donated \$80.00 to the chapter! Thanks Bob! Legislative Officer Kevin Bramel reported that motorcycle safety training in Illinois is in danger of ending! What can we do to change this? There were 174 motorcyclist fatalities in 2023. Kangley Inn is owned by Starved Rock Chapter members Sally and Gary Boyd! We had the second round of nominations for officers for 2024.

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

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.

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

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

NW Region 17th Annual Chili Shoot Out Feb 3, 2024 at the VFW in Dixon from 3-7 pm. Last chili in at 4pm. Chili judging will be from 4:15-4:30. Silent auction and bake sale. Please bring items to donate!

Meeting Sunday February 4th at the Mendota Moose. We can get there at noon to set up for the potluck. Please bring food to share. The meeting will begin at 12:30pm. The Moose will have drinks available for purchase. We will have the gun raffle drawing after the meeting.

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

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Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Officer



Open
Roads
Chapter

OPEN ROADS ABATE

Always be on the alert as you ride during these colder months for

deer, wet leaves on the pavement, farm equipment on the roadways, black ice (if you really need to be out there when there is ice and snow), and loose gravel. Our chapter like many others have events planned in the winter. We have planned a Christmas party, chili cook off, pool tournament, attending state seminar, membership drives, and other events that will keep you

going during the snowy and colder months.

Our Court Jester is Tracey Supan who has been doing an excellent job of coming to our meetings with the latest and greatest jokes. She participates in planning events and keeps members in an energy-filled environment when she's around. She is always positive, personable, and shares funny stories. Thank you, Tracey, for making us laugh and all you do.

Summer Book 2024 – is in the works and will be put together in late January. They should be ready for the NW Region Chili Shootout in February. Many thanks to those who purchase our book every year – it serves many purposes – places to go, things to do, meet people, visit businesses that normally you wouldn't even know about, and new customers for the businesses. Donations have been sent to ABATE of IL, Inc. for Safety and Ed and also State PAC will be receiving a donation.

Chapter Calendar – new project for our chapter (thanks for the idea Kishwaukee Valley ABATE). Our 2024 Open Roads ABATE Calendars are available for only \$10 each. Calendars have most holidays, chapter events, state and national events, pics of events, members, and logos. Great gifts and get yours now before they are gone. Call Linda on 630-552-3828 or Facebook to get a calendar.

Treats on the Streets – October 26, hosted by Plano Area Chamber of Commerce. As members we had a booth set up and welcomed 475 children dressed in very creative costumes. A fun afternoon to kick off Halloween. Many thanks to our members for donating candy to this event.

Fall Train Fun Run – November 18, met at Aurora Train Station to enjoy a day of fun at 3 stops, games, buy new shirts, coozies, and seeing friends. Details next newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Our October meeting was on Saturday, October 28, at Plano American Legion. The first round of nominations for officers took place at the August meeting and second round took place at our October meeting. The following members were elected at our October meeting to lead our chapter in 2024: President – Cliff Oleson, Vice-President – Brian Smith, Secretary – Patti Smith, Treasurer – Sally Kolb, Membership – Bill Kolb, Legislative – Sam Mataya, Products – Sharyl Mataya, Safety & Ed – Open Position, Activities – Kevin Smith, Road Captain – Diana Rebecchini, Court Jester – Tracey Supan, BOD Rep – Brian Smith/Kevin Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms – Sam Mataya, and Public Relations – Linda Oleson. Many thanks to the officers who served this past year with their time, support, and enthusiasm for this awesome organization by trying to meet the needs of our members, keeping up with current legislature, sharing the latest safety rules with others, keeping ourselves educated, new ways of promoting our products, working at activities good for our chapter and ABATE of Illinois, networking with other chapters and our elected officials, and making sure we are represented each month at the board of directors meeting and making our voices heard..

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

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

NW Region Chili Shootout, February 3 – in Dixon. Details will be shared when they become available.

Open Roads Chili Cookoff & Pool Tournament, March 9 - other chapters are invited to join us as we challenge you for the best chili around. Pool players - mark your calendars now for the pool tournament - prizes, \$\$, socializing, fun, and sharing your expertise. Let's join together and show our communities that ABATE is alive and strong. Location is at Plano Hometown Lanes and registration time is 11:30 for both events.

Upcoming events include holiday events, joint event with DuKane ABATE regarding fatalities and awareness in the spring, 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.

Merry Christmas - May the Christmas Season bring you joy and happiness. May the true spirit of Christmas shine in your heart and light your path. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year

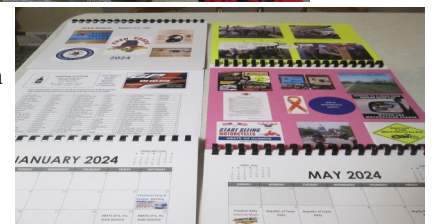
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Pictures:

Treats on the Streets was a fun Halloween event for children and members of Open Roads as we handed out candy to over 450 kids. Members included Patti & Kevin Smith, Cliff Oleson, and Jim Marter.



Sample of a few pics from our 2024 Open Roads ABATE calendar.



NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



**Will
County
Chapter**

Thank you to everyone that attended our November membership meeting, we had a great turnout with many new faces! Please be sure to share details about A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois and the Will County Chapter with everyone you know that rides motorcycles and/or participates in any off-road or ATV activities. We need to increase our membership volume. Our voice is so much more powerful in numbers! The work we do in Springfield is essential to the future of motorcycles and offroad vehicles/ATVs in the state of Illinois, and the larger our membership, the greater impact we have on legislation in the state capitol. REMINDER: Mark your calendars now for the Cabin Fever party, Saturday January 27th, 2024, more details to come. We will have board member elections during our December meeting, so come on out and vote! Chapter members are more than welcome to get involved and support the board, so feel free to ask us how you can help. Also, if anyone is interested

in supporting the Safety and Education program, please reach out via email or at the monthly membership meetings- this is important work!

Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events-

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

December- Board Member Elections

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

January 27th - Cabin Fever Party

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

-As always, ride safe and we hope to see you at the next meeting!



Hello from DuKane ABATE!

It's December and that means that Thanksgiving has come and gone. We hope that you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving that you got to spend with family and friends.

I want to start with an update this month on the progress of the situation of John Jones who was hit head on and killed on his motorcycle by Ricardo Rivera in Geneva. As you know, the DuKane ABATE Chapter put out a call to action to flood Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser's Office with phone calls and emails demanding justice as he had not been charged. You also know that Jamie Mosser re-opened an investigation into this and found that Geneva PD had done a subpar job in collecting evidence and that she was looking for a way to charge Mr. Rivera with wreck less homicide. We received a call that she has [made a decision](#) and will be meeting with myself (President Chris Hansen) and Vice President Randy Ramey, along with John's widow, to let us know what is going to happen. Geneva PD will also [be in attendance at](#) this meeting. We will let you know the outcome. I am very proud of this chapter for stepping up when a call to action was sent out and letting people know that we won't sit back and not get loud when needed!

Congratulations to the 2024 DuKane ABATE BOD Elect as decided unanimously by the DuKane Chapter. The elects are: President Chris Hansen, BOD Representative Kley Abel, Events Officer Chris Newman, Secretary Amy Nelson, Newsletter Officer Mike Nicholson, Safety & Education Officer Steve Waltz, and Independent Representative #1 John Bloch. Thank you to all for your time and dedication to fighting for the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane County and I look forward to serving with all of you for another 2 years.

Make sure to join us on December 19th for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. We will have a ham raffle to get you ready for Christmas and this will be our Christmas Party with Santa Claus in attendance! These meet-

ings 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.

I hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas!

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

DuKane Chapter of ABATE
of Illinois President

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024
DUKANE ABATE BOD ELECTS!**

President - Chris Hansen
Secretary - Amy Nelson
Events Officer - Chris Newman
BOD Representative - Kley Abel
Newsletter Officer - Mike Nicholson
Safety & Ed Officer - Steve Waltz
Independent Rep #1 - John Bloch

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



**Piasa
Gateway
Chapter**

Piasa held our elections November 11 at the Wood River Eagles we have a brand-new President to congratulate Tom Henry I know he will bring fresh ideas to the table so give him a big hand. The next day the chapter had a lunch ride to the Shoal Creek Bar & Grill the four of us (Dona, Rotten, Jules and me) had delicious half pound burgers along with cake for dessert. The day turned out to be warmer than the weather man predicted so we had a great ride. I would recommend for you to take a ride

and stop for lunch at the shoal Creek Bar and Grill in Millersburg. At next month's meeting we are having a potluck before the meeting starting at 5:30 at the Cottage Hills VFW so please bring a dish as we are getting a meat tray. That's all I have for now.

Aloha Skinny

WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



**Lincoln
Land
Chapter**

Lincoln Land Members,

As I sit here in front of the computer writing my last President's reports the emotions start to brew up. I have been the President of several other organizations and this by far was the most challenging. It has also been the most rewarding as well. I took on the position because I wanted to make the chapter bigger and better. Our numbers have decreased over the years, but when I say Bigger, I mean we have a better contingent of volunteers which does make us bigger and better.

I started with a list of approximately 16 things I wanted to accomplish. Out of the 16, 12 were accomplished, which to me is above and beyond what I ever conceived possible. A lot of miles have passed underneath our wheels over the last four years. Great miles though. There have been many fantastic days spent with my Brothers and Sisters of ABATE. There have been smiles, laughter, joy, sorrow, tears and full out crying over some losses. Our gains as a chapter and as a member far outweigh those by leaps and bounds. Along with the good times, we've also accomplished many things that's made our chapter what I have described as Lincoln Land Strong. My most rewarding part of being your leader is the Friendships and Family I have made along the way. I call ALL my ABATE Members my Family. We in some cases have spent more time with each other than we do with some Family members.

I am confident the next LLA BOD will be extremely successful. They are a great bunch and I believe they will make next year

an awesome experience for everyone who participates. It's been my pleasure to serve the chapter in my official capacity, and we have earned the respect of our fellow chapter members within the organization. They look up to us and follow our lead in some instances.

So many different things I want to touch on, but so little space to put it in. I started my Presidency during the COVID era. Wow, what a mess that was, but we overcome all adversities when other organizations around us were failing. We've been at the forefront of a digital conversion, moving us into the 21st century. I couldn't be any happier or more confident knowing that the Lincoln Land chapter will be successful and lead the organization into the future.

It's been my absolute pleasure and honor to be your President the last 4 years. I bid ye a fond farewell and safe travels. I am filled with the bittersweet feeling of leaving, yet knowing we will continue to grow. Good luck with future endeavors and may all of you be forever safe and healthy.

I'll see all of you at State Seminar.

Signing off for now,

Dwayne "Rudedog" Rudolph

President, Lincoln Land ABATE



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EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty
Chapter

Hello Liberty Chapter and Friends!
Here we are the last month of the year, with lots of activities coming up.

At the chapter level, we have our annual election of officers to serve YOUR chapter for the year 2024. Yes, it is YOUR chapter, the members of Liberty chapter and you elect the ones who step up to handle the business of the chapter. ABATE is organized from the membership up, and all decisions are voted on by the membership. That is why attending meetings are so important, so every member can have a say in how the chapter is run and who is in what office.

State board news- Our last state board meeting was held on October 21. A few of the highlights- Social media, do you have ABATE of Illinois on any of your social feeds? If so please take a second to like and share any content, for the algorithms that run these sights are based on how many interactions that is received, so the more the better and this will help in expanding our exposure. Tesla is in the news again, their self driving features is 25 percent more likely to be in an accident. Far higher then they report. So be aware of any Tesla you are around, these vehicles simply can not see us on our bikes, and the company is not showing much concern about the problem. Scholarships, if you have a child or grandchild

who is attending any secondary education, we voted on a bump up to \$2500 for the ABATE scholarship. Applications are online and due April1. At the state level all officer positions have candidates and we will have elections at the next board meeting on December 16, and as always if you are an ABATE member you are welcome to attend. Safety and Ed reported on the number of fatalities involving motorcycle accidents at 138.

Upcoming events- December 16 state board meeting in Springfield

December 17, Fruit Basket assembly and short meeting, Noon at Carey Paxtons Perfect Image Studio.

January 14 First meeting of the year at the Mattoon Moose, 1:30

January 19-20, State Seminar in Springfield. at the Northfield Inn

February 17 Anniversary Party at the Moose in Mattoon, 5 pm, music by Whiskey Weekend, food, raffles, and silent and live auction. Please attend as this is our fundraiser for the year. We will be taking donations for the auctions and the booze wagon.



Old
River
Chapter

On October 21st, I rode a Honda inside of the VFW. It was Honda's SMART model. No, it wasn't a self-driving or elec-

tric motorcycle. It was a "Safe Motorcycle Awareness & Recognition Trainer" filled with all types of hazards that motorcyclists could encounter. It is a fantastic tool that graded your riding and made suggestions on improving the safety of your riding. SMART bike gives you a lot to think about; and talk about. When you see Hawkeye, Rick, Ed, and Jimmy, ask them about their rides. Several former ABATE members there but I was happiest seeing "Member at Large" Trevor and Sully's son Brandon who also rode the simulator.

The START ride had a screen offering a variety of scenarios, right in front of the rider. But it was much better than that, the images were also projected up on the wall for others to see. It also had headphones and the result was folks riding it even when the band was playing.

A special "Thank you!" to the Braaksma Brothers, Ron and Gene. They drug the trainer to us from Iowa on behalf of MRFA&E. Ron & Gene are graybeard riders and are very committed to motorcycle awareness. I am glad they came to Shelbyville! Had it not been for Pauli directing me to Sandy Murrell in Northwest, it could not have happened. Thank you, Pauli and Sandy!

We also need to thank Bev Kraus for donating an Afghan which she handcrafted. It was beautiful, orange & black with the traditional bar & shield and "HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES" spelled out. Hawkeye and Jimmy, with help from a few ladies, raffled it off and made \$540.00 which goes to

pay for the fuel for our "eternal flame" at our veterans memorial. That should keep it lit for a while.

The Sampson Jones Gang entertained us with their music in the evening. It was great seeing the son of the Harley couple. He is talented, like his dad!

I have been getting into high school drivers education classrooms presenting motorcycle awareness presentations. I was back in Cowden-Herrick and two classes in Shelbyville with Rick's help. I was then back into Altamont on Tuesday, November 2nd and Wednesday, November 3rd. I got to ride!

I was invited to the local region of Illinois Drivers Education Instructors meeting in Effingham. Aside from setting up a booth there, I got to address the 46 drivers ed instructors who were attending the conference.

That is all that I can think of that happened lately. Now we are planning our next very important meeting. Members, write this on your calendar and make plans to attend. Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 14th at 6pm. The location of the meeting will be in Findlay at Rosie & Earl's. This will be a very critical meeting discussing the future of the Old River Chapter.

And of course, the State Seminar is rapidly approaching. You might want to attend and I encourage it.

Peace,

Brother Darrell



St. Clair
County
Chapter

The November meeting was held at TR's Place in Belleville on the 9th. I am typing and sending this on the 10th. We

had 24 members & guests present and we had free pizza and wings. The pizza & wings (\$120) were paid for by four of the officers and another of the officers got the (\$30) tip. We had a guest speaker that was also a member of our chapter. Bobby Touchette from the Millstadt American Legion spoke about the American Legion Riders Club. The Legion in Millstadt is trying to start a chapter of the Legion Riders. A lot of time was spent going over all the legislative emails from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in Washington DC. The MRF is excellent on keeping us informed on what is going on around the country. St Clair Chapter donates to them yearly. We have received nothing from our ABATE legislative department in quite a while. You have to go on Facebook and watch videos on it or wait till the state newsletter comes out. We had a lot to cover in the Activities report. There is a motorcycle swap meet at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds in Belleville on January 7th. They are put on by Jim Fury of The Biking Life magazine now. There will no longer be swap meets at the Fairmount Racetrack as it is being turned

into a casino. Also, no more swap meets at the Loading Dock in Grafton, no reason was given. Our Meat Shoot/Gun Raffle will be held on December 10th at the American Legion Post 1255, Eiler Road in Belleville. The shoot starts at noon, but we are having the December meeting there also. Meeting starts at 11:00am and it will be a short one as we have work to do to set up everything, food, etc. We need attendance prizes if you have something to donate bring it with you. A motion was made & carried to spend up to four hundred dollars on food for the event. Chapter officer elections were held in new business. You will be receiving a January newsletter with the new officer list. Leo Jenson's name was drawn on the membership drawing. Leo is usually there but not this time so he lost out on fifty bucks. It will be \$55. next month. Mole (Mike W.) won the Half N Half drawing of \$45. bucks and donated it back to the chapter. All money collected for the H&H drawing goes to the MRF so way to go Mole.

Next month's meeting will be at !!am at the American Legion Post 1255. Hope to see a full house.

Mike Gallagher

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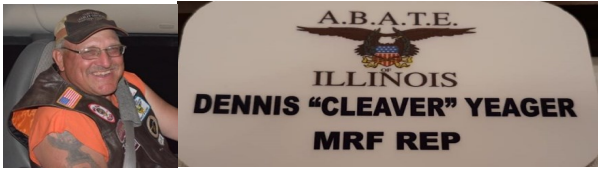
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Please note the updated membership applications, and disregard the older one, trash them if you will, thanks. Let me know if you need any of the newer memberships applications. Thanks to everyone that has been keeping their membership up to date, and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

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

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

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

Your ultimate goal is to help grow the membership of the MRF. This can be achieved by setting up and working membership tables at various events, both locally and state-wide. You don't need to be a salesperson; you just need to be genuine in your delivery so you can motivate a person to become a member. Simply sharing your love for motorcycles and having some basic knowledge of how the MRF supports the motorcycling community will help to close the "sale". There are lots of tools and handouts available to help with this. I am happy to give anyone guidance on how to successfully work a membership table. I can honestly say I feel like an expert in this area and have photos to prove it. AND it's not that hard to do!

As an Assistant State Rep, you will have the opportunity to share in the fun! Events like the STEAM conference and Meeting of the Minds are amazing events to learn more about becoming successful as an Asst. State Rep. And there's even the possibility of winning awards! I know none of us volunteer because we want an award, but a little recognition never hurts, right? As of this writing, ABATE of IL is in the top 5 of all states in the country for the best recruiting state! It's no surprise that the Midwest is kicking butt! To do this, we need every member of ABATE of IL to join the MRF www.mrf.org . Chapter memberships count too.

Members of ABATE of IL are the best freedom fighters that I know so go ahead, pick up the phone and give me a call. I would be excited to talk to you and to add YOU to the MRF IL Team!

As always, stay vigilant, my friends!

Dennis Yeager "Clever" MRF State Rep. for Illinois, cleaver1957@gmail.com - 815-238-6262
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[Motorcycle Rights Advocates](#) on Facebook to help get the word out about all our SMRO. State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations, and the MRF Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Look it up.

Contact your Motorcycle Rights Organization www.nationalcoir.org/mro-contact-list-1 this will list most of the Motorcycle Rights Organizations across the country.

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

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

Each person pays \$5 per line to write his/her name on a line. When the 7 lines are filled, we will have collected the \$35 for a one year membership.

Have the Ace through Seven of any suit pulled out of a deck of cards and randomly draw a single card from that group. Whichever number card is drawn corresponds to the Line # and that person wins the membership.



MRF Mission Statement

Our mission is to continue developing an aggressive, independent national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle which is financially stable and exceeds the needs of motorcycling enthusiasts.



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

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

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

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

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

Mark the application new or renewal membership.

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

Date it with the date of today's date.

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| 12/10 | Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Liberty, Windy City, Ten Mile Creek, Kishwaukee Valley |
| 12/11 | |
| 12/12 | Midstate |
| 12/13 | Will County |
| 12/14 | Heart of Illinois, Old River, St. Clair |
| 12/15 | |
| 12/16 | Black Diamond |
| 12/17 | Freeport, Prairieland |
| 12/18 | Tri County |
| 12/19 | DuKane, Lincoln Land |
| 12/20 | Chicago |
| 12/21 | South Suburban |
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| 12/23 | Northern Illinois |
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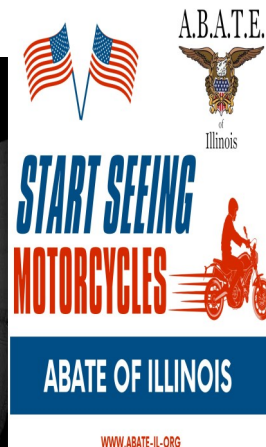
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| BLACK DIAMOND CHAPTER | 525 S BROAD ST | CARLINVILLE | IL | 62626 | 217-710-9338 | DANNY | 9/1994 | 1/1/2023 | SW | |
| BLACKHAWK CHAPTER | PO BOX 332 | E MOLINE | IL | 61244-0332 | 309-269-2355 | MARVIN | 7/1987 | 1/1/2023 | NW | |
| CENTRAL IL CHAPTER | PO BOX 1084 | GALESBURG | IL | 61402-1084 | 309-368-4622 | BOB | 7/1985 | 1/1/2023 | WC | |
| CHICAGO CHAPTER | PO BOX 410594 | CHICAGO | IL | 60641 | 708-280-6053 | PAT | 1/1986 | 1/10/2023 | NE | |
| CRAWFORD COUNTY CHAPTER | PO Box 95 | WILLOW HILL | IL | 62480 | 618-455-3664 | STEVE | 1/1987 | 9/15/2023 | SE | |
| DUKANE CHAPTER | PO BOX 188 | W CHICAGO | IL | 60186-0188 | 630-618-7551 | CHRIS | 1/1987 | 1/1/2023 | NE | 26-28 |
| EASTERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER | PO BOX 6132 | CHAMPAIGN | IL | 61826-6132 | 217-898-7414 | CHUCK | 12/1986 | 12/30/2022 | EC | |
| EMBARRAS VALLEY CHAPTER | 303 N LOCUST | ARCOLA | IL | 61910 | 217-480-5212 | SHARILYN | 2/2000 | 1/15/2021 | EC | |
| FREEBIRD CHAPTER | PO BOX 278 | MANITO | IL | 61546-0278 | 309-840-1616 | JIM | 11/1993 | 1/1/2023 | WC | |
| FREEDOM RIDERS CHAPTER | 1241 S COLLEGE | SALEM | IL | 62881 | 618-548-5695 | CLIFFORD (D0G) | 1/1987 | 1/5/2021 | SE | |
| FREEDOM VALLEY CHAPTER | PO BOX 6563 | PEORIA | IL | 61601 | 309-678-0554 | BRUCE | 10/2001 | 1/31/2022 | WC | 23 |
| FREEPORT CHAPTER | PO BOX 205 | FREEPORT | IL | 61032-0205 | 815-543-0281 | DAN | 3/1986 | 1/1/2023 | NW | |
| HEART OF ILLINOIS CHAPTER | PO BOX 525 | MACKINAW | IL | 61571-0525 | 309-696-0450 | SONYA | 6/1986 | 1/12/2023 | EC | |
| KASKASKIA VALLEY CHAPTER | 215 E NOLEMAN | CENTRALIA | IL | 62801 | 618-292-3005 | TROY | 4/2006 | 1/1/2022 | SW | |
| KISHWAUKEE VALLEY CHAPTER | PO BOX 2783 | LOVES PARK | IL | 61132 | 815-721-7728 | LIZ | 8/1989 | 1/1/2023 | NW | |
| 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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| LINCOLN LAND CHAPTER | PO BOX 5774 | SPRINGFIELD | IL | 62705-5774 | 217-622-9275 | DWAYNE (RUDEDOG) | 10/1986 | 1/1/2023 | WC | |
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| NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER | PO BOX 496 | LAKE VILLA | IL | 60046-0496 | 847-533-8349 | RICH | 10/1986 | 1/1/2023 | NE | 26 |
| OLD RIVER CHAPTER | PO BOX 182 | SHELBYVILLE | IL | 62565-0182 | 217-774-5883 | LARRY | 2/1987 | 1/20/2023 | EC | 29 |
| OPEN ROADS CHAPTER | PO BOX 428 | SANDWICH | IL | 60548-0428 | 630-552-3828 | CLIFF | 1/1992 | 1/1/2023 | NW | 23-24 |
| PATHFINDERS CHAPTER | PO BOX 92 | MT STERLING | IL | 62353-0092 | 217-257-6818 | BILL | 2/2008 | 3/1/2019 | WC | |
| 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 | |
| PRAIRIELAND CHAPTER | 1901 RAILROAD AVE | DECATUR | IL | 62526 | 217-521-9547 | JEREMY | 4/1987 | 1/1/2023 | EC | |
| RICHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER | PO BOX 121 | OLNEY | IL | 62450-0121 | 618-837-0561 | TONY | 4/2012 | 1/1/2021 | SE | |
| 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 | |
| SHOAL CREEK CHAPTER | PO BOX 254 | IRVING | IL | 62051-0254 | 618-292-5505 | CHRISTY | 4/1987 | 1/1/2022 | SW | |
| SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAPTER | PO BOX 281 | CHICAGO RIDGE | IL | 60415-0281 | 708-516-6591 | DAISY | 10/1986 | 1/1/2022 | NE | |
| SOUTHERN IL CHAPTER 27 | 705 N BROWN ST | BENTON | IL | 62812 | 618-927-2061 | LORI | 11/1987 | 1/20/2023 | SE | |
| ST CLAIR COUNTY CHAPTER | PO BOX 235 | FREEBURG | IL | 62243-0235 | 618-791-5033 | MIKE | 5/1991 | 1/15/2023 | SW | 30-31 |
| STARVED ROCK CHAPTER | 2386 500 N RD | TOLUCA | IL | 61369 | 815-488-1538 | DON | 10/1997 | 1/1/2023 | NW | 25 |
| STATE LINE RIDERS CHAPTER | 114 N WALNUT | MILFORD | IL | 60953 | 815-867-0797 | TIM | 12/2002 | 2/4/2022 | EC | 29 |
| TEN MILE CREEK CHAPTER | 1325 W OAK PARK DR | DECATUR | IL | 62526 | 217-620-1707 | SCOTT (SCOOTER) | 4/2017 | 1/1/2023 | EC | |
| THUNDER ROCK CHAPTER | 6131 N KNOLL ST | MONROE CENTER | IL | 61052 | 815-978-9210 | BOB | 2/2000 | 1/1/2023 | NW | |
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| TWIN RIVERS CHAPTER | 813 LAKEWOOD GREEN DR | DIXON | IL | 61021 | 815-440-6018 | JOHN | 4/1987 | 1/22/2023 | NW | 26 |
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| DATE | EVENT |
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| January 19-21 | Seminar |
| February 17 | E-Board and BOD meeting |
| March 16 | E-Board meeting |
| TBD | Legislative Day |
| April 27 | E-Board and BOD meeting |
| April 28 | Swap Meet (Springfield – Orr Building) |
| May 5 | Freedom Rally |
| June 15 | E-Board and BOD meeting |
| June 20-23 | State Party |
| August 17 | E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations) |
| September 1st | Bike Raffle Drawing |
| September 21 | E-Board Meeting |
| October 19 | E-board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations) |
| TBD | Swap Meet |
| November 16 | E-Board Meeting |
| December 14 | E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Elections) |
| December 14 | Christmas Party |

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