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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Thank You ABATE – Thank you for electing me as your State Legislative Coordinator for 2023.

ABATE Legislative Day will be Wednesday March 22, at Floyd’s Thirst Parlor, 210 S 5th St in Springfield. We will have the whole upstairs to ourselves in the morning 8-10 & from 6-9 in the evening. Parking is nearby at the Old State Capitol garage or municipal garage. I am working on a shuttle service to the Capitol in the morning, with a possible return service in the evening.

2023-2024 Legislation – we are in pre-filing stages for the next general assembly. Bill numbers will start popping up mid to late January. This year we will be going after Tesla & other driverless carmakers who are testing illegally in Illinois. ABATE of Illinois has been at the forefront of driverless car issues, and now those cars have started killing bikers nationwide. We also hope to be finalizing the profiling issues with the gaming board and continue to look at how lane usage affects safety. Our entire 2023 Legislative Agenda is printed in this newsletter.

Speaking of lane usage & other bills, I’m tired of hearing the phrase **“We only want to be equal to cars”** when it comes to legislative issues, especially those brought forward by younger riders. I have heard several times when it comes to LED lights, lane usage, or reducing tolls – “We don’t want anything special”. Ok, explain the red-dead bill, the current LED bill, loud mufflers, extended handlebars, vertical license plates, the fight over ethanol fuels, the “look for motorcycles” campaigns, free motorcycle training, etc. I could go on and on, but you get the point.

The bottom line is we are on vehicles weighing 1/6th the average car and have a 7 times higher likelihood of serious injury or death when involved in a collision. While we should make sure our access to roads and infrastructure planning is equal, we should also be looking for ways to avoid injury, promote riding as transportation, and make ourselves more visible while responding to changes in traffic and technology.

ABATE Live (formerly this week in ABATE) – Is on hiatus for a few reasons. 1) Facebook has been throttling our ability to spread the videos out unless we are willing to pay for “boosting”. The cut has been severe enough to make us question if it’s worth the effort. We are looking at other ways of producing content. 2) Chris and I can’t be live together anymore on the platform, so it loses some of the discussion format folks liked. 3) Continued negative feedback at Board of Directors meetings and E-Board levels. Bottom line, the only time we had members giving feedback about the program (despite us asking you to email or post comments) was to make anonymous complaints that would be taken up at BOD or E-board. If the members don’t like it, then there’s no sense in continuing.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS – Please send a full list of all chapter officers to these emails, office@abate-il.org, secretary@abate-il.org & coordinator@abate-il.org. We are working on getting them loaded into the wild apricot system so we can send specific emails to officers if needed. This will help out legislative department greatly. I’ll see you in Springfield January 20th at the Northfield Inn. - SKI

JOIN ABATE OF ILLINOIS in 2023!!!

ABATE of Illinois is one of the largest motorcycle & rider rights organizations in the world. Help support the rights of motorcyclists & off road riders by joining a leader today.



ABATE Legislative alerts and ABATE emails have changed - Legislative alerts are now sent out to all members who have an email address on file with the ABATE state office. This is done through the membership services website / Wild Apricot project. If you want to make sure you get the latest emails from ABATE, you need to make sure we have your email on file. You can email office@abate-il.org to make sure they

have the correct email for you. The alerts will be sent from abate.alerts@abate-il.org, so make sure to add that address to your safe senders list.

Also, my email has changed to legislative@abate-il.org, please make sure to update your contact details with the new address. My old email will continue to work, but ABATE is in the process of standardizing our emails.



Off Road

ABATE will continue to support & monitor the development of off-road parks in Illinois and protect the Off Highway Vehicle Trails Fund to help spur more recreational off-road trails.

We will oppose any unnecessary mandates on protective equipment for Off Highway Vehicles, and any municipal bans on the operation of OHVs.

ABATE will monitor laws affecting Side by Side / UTVs and make sure they will not affect ATV / Dirt Bikes. This will include conversations between off road groups and County Officials regarding use of County Highways, where we will remain neutral.

Motorcycles

ABATE will continue to support the freedom of riders to choose if they want to wear protective gear.

Profiling - ABATE opposes any motorcycle only checkpoints and continues to work on anti-profiling legislation. ABATE will pursue actions against administrative agencies that are harassing motorcycle groups. ABATE will educate the public on businesses / events that engage in profiling of the motorcycle community as well.

Ethanol – ABATE will continue to oppose tax credits for E15 and above blends. These credits cause an expansion of the fuels which crowd out E0, E10 blends.

We continue to push for labels on E15 / E85 pumps clearly marking them as unsafe for motorcycles, and push for dedicated pumps for E15/E85 fuels. Current labeling isn't clear on this fact. Using anything above E10 is a violation of Federal laws. Plus this would eliminate blender pumps that can drop up to 4 gallons of E15/E85 in your tank when you think you're getting E10 / E0.

Cycle Rider Safety Training Fund – ABATE will protect the trust fund paid for by IL Motorcyclists to fund MSF courses & monitor funding levels. ABATE will help promote the classes and program to legislators, and answer questions posed by IDOT and ILGA

Autonomous Vehicles – We oppose deployment of driverless cars and semis without appropriate safeguards for motorcycle safety and continue to participate in industry and regulatory discussions to get our concerns with this technology addressed, including helping to develop new technology to assist motorcycle safety.

ABATE & MRF will seek partnerships in the new administration to seek federal oversight of AV testing with motorcycles. We will also work to preserve needed airwaves for

vehicle communications. ABATE will work to make sure motorcycle detection is tested and accounted for in addition to other traffic modes.

Electric Vehicles and Transportation Policy - ABATE will continue to fight to make sure motorcycles are treated equally when it comes to policies, planning and incentives for vehicles regardless of engine type. ABATE will be a partner for the State of Illinois in attracting motorcycle businesses to Illinois.

LED Lighting – Explore the possibility of getting Red and Blue allowed as colors for LED underlighting. Currently not allowed. Illinois is only state that has this strong of a ban. Firefighters and Police like these colors for their personal bikes, but Illinois State Police opposed this 4 years ago. We have an Illinois company who makes a light product that glows red under the bike when brakes are applied. Currently that's illegal in Illinois.

ABATE will also look at modernizing this law to include new technology like lighted grips and clothing.

Poker Runs – ABATE will look at language to make poker run bill clearer that the run license is valid throughout the state, and include Cook County, so that all counties in Illinois issue licenses.

Distracted Driving – ABATE will push for increased penalties for those that use handheld devices and drive. There have been several motorcycle fatalities caused by drivers texting or using their Uber / Lyft app while driving. University Study says strict penalties can reduce motorcycle fatalities 11%. SOS says 25% of wrecks are caused by distracted driving.

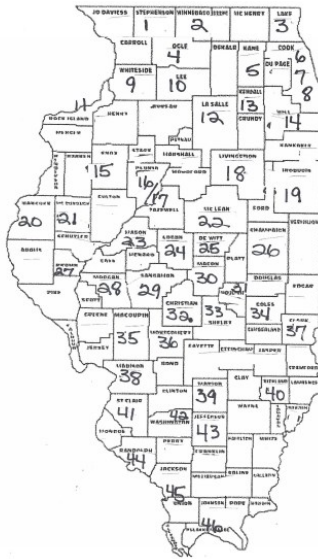
DUI / Suspended license fatality – There have been a few fatal wrecks where a driver with multiple suspended / revoked license & driving without a license have caused collisions that killed motorcycles. These drivers only face jail time if they are drunk at the time, and usually less than 8 years. ABATE intends on revising the law to increase penalties for this crime.

Shoulder Riding – This permits motorcycles to use the shoulder of an interstate or state highway if the traffic on that highway is stopped due to construction or other issues. It allows air cooled bikes to keep moving and brings them out of a potential pile up situation. ABATE is going to begin discussions about how to bring this practice to Illinois.

Lane Usage – ABATE will continue to study the issue of how different types of lane usage affect motorcycle safety and share that information with membership, with the possibility of introducing legislation in the 2023 cycle.

If you have any questions about these issues, please feel free to call or email me.

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Northwest Region Chapters

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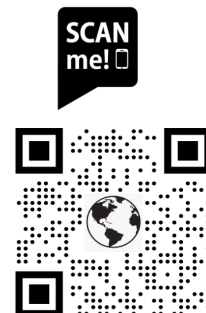
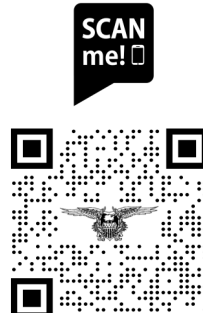
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What is ABATE?

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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20% FOR 12 MONTHS

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ABATE members receive 10% discount

1/4 page 4w x 5h.....\$40 per issue

1/2 page 8w x 5h..... \$75 per issue

Full page 8w x10h \$150 per issue

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Report errors and omissions to

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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 need-

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ed. 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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Assistant State Coordinator

Be sure to attend the upcoming State Seminar January 20-21st, 2023. Questions please reach out to me Scott

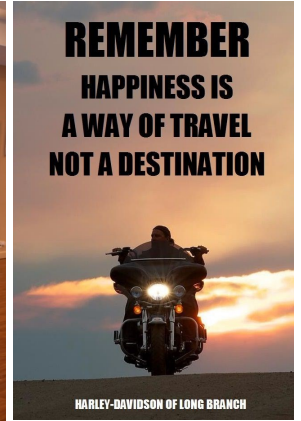


THANK YOU RYAN!

Thank you to Ryan Hubbard for your hard work, leadership, and dedication to A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois as State Coordinator.



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Please keep your officer/contact list up-to-date with the Abate State Office.

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they have the correct email for you.

The alerts will be sent from abate.alerts@abate-il.org, so make sure to add that address to your safe senders list.

Paula Ward



Products Coordinator

NEW Arrivals



Ladies black lined stocking hat \$15 email/call to order today!

Do you have interest in becoming the 2023 Products Coordinator? Please contact one the E-Board Officers for details.



State Treasurer

990s must have good math, appropriate 1099's and signed to be accepted by the State Treasurer. We use a Cash Method, so your chapter 990 should match with the Bank end balance on 12/31/22. Outstanding checks should be dated January 1, 2023.

The 990 forms are available at: abate-il.org. Chapter 990's are available under the menu options for Member: ABATE By-laws & Forms. About half way down the page is a 990 form. Option B: email Treasurer@ABATE-IL.org requesting a blank 990.

Signed 990s may be e-mail to Treasurer@abate-il.org; mail to the address below or have them delivered in person at the State Seminar. The last minute deadline is midnight, January 31, 2022. Tardy 990s result in the loss of Chapter voting rights at the next BOD meeting.

Please pay your Chapter's insurance of \$120.00 by January, 31, 2023.

Always a Pleasure,
Paul Truax

ABATE of Illinois Newsletter Coordinator.



Newsletter Coordinator

Articles due January 14th, 2023 for the February 2023 ONLINE issue of the newsletter.



SUBMIT ALL ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER TO THIS EMAIL:

newsletter@abate-il.org

All E-Board Coordinators, Region Trustees, PAC, and FED-PAC please view your information and provide me with 2023 updates. (Page 5 & 6)

Newsletter deadline is the second Saturday of the month.

Sonya Link, Join ABATE of Illinois Today!



START SEEING! MOTORCYCLES!

Safety & Education Department A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois



State Secretary Happy New Year Everyone.
I hope this finds everyone healthy and warm.

We had a full house for the December 17, 2022, meeting with 40 chapters represented. It was great to see so many faces. The following motions were passed:

BOD2022-031 Motion to accept a two year contract with XLN Services by Black Diamond, 2 nd by Eastern Illinois, Central, Freeport and Heartland opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2022-032 Motion to vacate moving XXXX dollars to a Treasury Bond by Heart of Illinois, 2nd by Eastern Illinois. No opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2022-033 Motion to move XXXX dollars to a one year CD with Edward Jones by Kishwaukee Valley, 2nd by Thunder Rock. No opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2022-034 Motion to accept the Executive Board recommendation that the Activities Coordinator in 2023 has the discretion to move the Freedom Rally to a date based on information they have by Heart of Illinois, 2nd by Freebird. Crawford County and Thunder Rock opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2022-035 Motion to appoint Dennis Cleaver as the MRF Representative for 2 years by Heart of Illinois, 2nd by Thunder Rock. No opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2022-036 Motion to reseat the current ABATE PAC by Heart of Illinois, 2nd by St. Clair. No opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2022-037 Motion to seat FED/PAC by Kishwaukee Valley, 2nd by Eastern Illinois. No opposed. Motion passed.
BOD2022-038 Motion to seat the By-Law Committee as it currently is by Kishwaukee Valley, 2nd by Tri-County. Blackhawk and Thunder Rock opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2022-039 Motion to accept the Executive Board recommendation to appoint Teri Smith as the website Manager by Embarras Valley, 2nd by Lincolnland. No opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2022-040 Motion to start the process of termination of membership for Penny West (Blackhawk Chapter) for five years per Article 2, Section 3 of the by-laws by Salt Creek, 2nd by Heart of Illinois. Blackhawk, Central, Freedom Valley, Midstate and Starved Rock opposed. Motion passed.

BOD 2022-041 Motion to start the process of termination of membership for Ernie Steele (Blackhawk Chapter) for five years per Article 2, Section 3 of the by-laws by Salt Creek, 2nd by Heart of Illinois. Backroads, Blackhawk, Central, Freedom Valley, Midstate, Pathfinders, Shawnee Hills, South Suburban, Starved Rock and Thunder Rock Opposed. Motion passed.

The next meetings will be February 11, 2023. At the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center. 625 E St. Joseph Str. Springfield. Executive Board at 10:30am Board of Directors at 1:00pm. A reminder, all chapter board representatives need to update their email address with me to be able to receive the meeting minutes and any other important information.



I would like to thank the members and the Board of Directors for electing me as the Secretary for the year 2023. I look forward to working with everyone again.

Stay Warm everyone and look forward to seeing you at the Seminar.

Teri Smith
secretary@abate-il.org



From the Website Manager:

Greetings everyone.

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

Please send any ideas or suggestions to me at secretary@abate-il.org.

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

Teri Smith

ABATE State Calendar for 2023

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

January 20-21	Seminar
February 11 February 12	E-Board and BOD meetings Swap Meet (Springfield)
March 18, 11:00am March 19 March 22	E-Board Meeting (at the Expo Center, Peoria) Swap Meet (Peoria) Legislative Day
April 15 April 21-22	E-Board and BOD meetings Heartland STEAM (Bismarck ND)
May 6 May 7 May 15-16	E-Board Meeting Freedom Rally Bikers in the Beltway
June 17 23-25	E-Board and BOD meetings State Party
July 15	E-Board Meeting
August 19	E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations)
September 4 September 16 September 21-24	Bike Raffle Drawing E-Board Meeting Meeting of the Minds (Harrisburg PA)
October 21	E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations)
November 18	E-Board meeting
December 16	E-Board and BOD meetings (elections) Christmas Party

By-Law Committee 2023

Chairman	Teri Smith	
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Northeast	Pat Jones	Chris Hansen
Northwest	Sandy Murrell	Neal Toepfer
East Central	William "Howdy" Mills	
West Central	Hunter John Harris	Mike Thompson
Southeast	Bob Stout	
Southwest	Martha Patterson	

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

ARTICLE 3 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6. Attendance.

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

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

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

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

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Hello A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Chapters!

Welcome to 2023! I hope you all had a great New Year's Eve and that you're all ready for another great year of hard work for the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists/off-roaders/ATV riders in Illinois. I'd like to thank Ryan Hubbard for all his incredibly hard work as State Coordinator to lead this organization and welcome the new State Coordinator Bob "Mouse" Ellinger as I know he'll continue to lead this organization to success.

I'm proud to be starting my third term as you're A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Public Relations Coordinator, and I want to thank the chapters that had faith in me to continue the work we've been doing. One of the changes in 2023 is that we have put 'A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Live' (Formerly 'This Week in A.B.A.T.E.') on hiatus as we re-evaluate the platform, interest, and overall impact of the show. We will keep you all updated with any news or changes going forward. I will continue to promote local events on the A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois social media if sent to me. If you want your events promoted, please email them to pr@abate-il.org and secretary@abate-il.org and we'll get those up on social media and the website.

I hope you all have plans to attend the upcoming events that A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois has coming up, and we've been pushing them more on social media to spread the word.

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois S.T.E.E.L. Seminar on January 20th – 21st

Head to www.abate-il.org/The-Seminar for more information

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois EBOD/BOD meetings on February 11th
A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show in Springfield on February 12th

AB.A.T.E. of Illinois Swap Meet in Peoria on March 19th
Heartland S.T.E.A.M. (hosted by A.B.A.T.E. of North Dakota) on April 21st – 22nd

There has been a change to the PR budget to get to work on commercials for TV and radio to promote A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. I have taken this change seriously and will be getting quotes for what these would cost and the work that it would entail to see how much of an impact we can make. There is a lot of work to be done to get A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois more into the public eye, and I am here to work for all of you to help get that done.

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

DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois President

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois PR Coordinator


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630-618-7551



EXECUTIVE BOARD/BOD MEETING

 Saturday
February 11, 2023

 EBOD - 10:30am
BOD - 1:00pm

 Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center
625 East Saint Joseph St
Springfield, IL 62703



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SWAP MEET

Sunday
February 12, 2023
ORR Building
66 4 H Rd
Springfield, IL 62702

Sunday
March 19, 2023
Expo Garden
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Peoria, IL 61614
Youth Building

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Amount \$ _____ Check enclosed. Charge to: Visa MasterCard Discover

Card No. _____ Exp.Date: _____ CVC _____

Signature _____

(There is a convenience fee for taking credit cards.)

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MOST MOTORCYCLE MED-PAY PROVISIONS PROVIDE LITTLE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL BILLS

Q. Even though I didn't have any damage to my motorcycle from a deer hitting me from the side, I am going to have medical expenses since my leg was busted. My insurance company quickly sent me a letter saying I only have \$1000 medical coverage (med-pay). I do have other insurance through work but with the usual deductible. Is there anything else I can do to get my motorcycle insurance to pay more for my medical so I won't have so much out of pocket? Thanks Hugh Harvey, FREEDOM VALLEY CHAPTER

A. Hugh the amounts of medical coverage (med-pay) provided through your motorcycle insurance policy are negotiated amounts set forth in your policy. Those are set in stone so to speak. So you will not be able to talk them into paying more. Send your medical bills to the company providing health insurance through work. If you have a problem with getting those medical bills paid. Call me.

WHAT TO DO WHEN ASKED TO GIVE A RECORDED STATEMENT BY THE OTHER INSURANCE COMPANY

Q. I received a request for a recorded statement from the insurance carrier for the other guy that wrecked my motorcycle. The police report puts the blame on the other guy. What should I do? ABATE OF OHIO MEMBER

A. Assuming you agree with the crash report, our advice is to say – "I agree with the police report and then shut up." Nothing good can come out of a full statement given to the other guy's insurance carrier. Remember they are not your friends. Or have them call ABATE LEGAL.

SOMETHING BORROWED, SOMETHING BLUE ETC.

Q. My youngest is getting married and we are planning a wedding reception at the local conservation club. There will be several friends of the couple in attendance. We plan to serve alcohol at the event. If one of these underage attendees gets in a wreck going home, what are my legal responsibilities if they sneaked drinks? And what can I do to protect myself? ABATE of Indiana member.

A. Congratulations on the wedding. As to your question, check with your insurance agent to see if you have host liquor coverage with your homeowner's liability policy. If so, confirm that in writing to your agent and send me a copy. Even if you have insurance for this event, consider hiring a caterer for the alcohol, and let the catering company do the serving of alcohol. This way you have passed that responsibility to the pros. They will provide a licensed bartender and insurance to serve the alcohol and will know how to handle kids wanting drinks. It makes them the enforcer of the rules – not you. They are worth every penny. Also – make sure to ask for a certificate of

insurance from the caterer's insurance carrier so you can verify the coverage.

WHEN DO MOTORCYCLE TIRES AGE OUT? Don't you just hate throwing away tires that look tread perfect? I do. But here is the reason you should reconsider that saving attitude. The tire's wear surface dries out, and when it comes to those attributes those cannot be safely resurrected. Most tire manufacturers try not to sell a tire that's more than five years old. Rick Chupp of Cycle-Outfitters advises that the tires should be stored on carpet squares if the motorcycle is left in a garage with concrete floors. He advises that lye and calcium in the concrete have a deleterious effect on the tire. If the motorcycle is stored outside, then you have to inspect the tires for ultra-violet ray damage. Per Rick, air pressure should be checked prior to each ride and a visual inspection of the sidewall and grooves between treads should be made. If you see any cracking, time to call Rick.

AM I COVERED?

Q. If an ABATE member donates the use of his/her property for an ABATE function and should someone leave intoxicated (adult or unknown minor) and causes an accident resulting in injury or death, is that homeowner covered by insurance? - ABATE of Indiana member

A. Usually the ABATE member would have coverage under his homeowner's policy for personal social events. The standard coverage for ABATE events should provide additional coverage for the ABATE member if that member is listed as an additional insured under the ABATE policy. Make sure that happens. Additional insurance may be needed, because there may not be coverage under the homeowner's policy. The home owner insurance company may argue that the event is a business event and not covered. Advise the member to confirm coverage with his homeowner's agent and communicate that the event is a voluntary charitable event. Coverage is usually provided for charitable and volunteer activities. But tread carefully as we do not want our member's homes and assets needlessly exposed to the claims of others.

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:

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1st PRIZE



2nd PRIZE



**PRIZES GIVEN AWAY
SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023*
AT THE SPRINGFIELD MILE RACE**

WINNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAXES AND FEES

-NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN-

GRAND PRIZE PURCHASED AT

WOODSTOCK HARLEY-DAVIDSON (WOODSTOCK, IL)

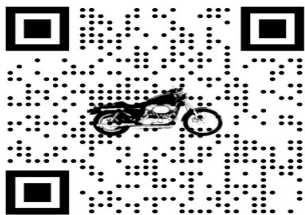
2ND PRIZE PURCHASED AT NIEHAUS CYCLE SALES, LITCHFIELD, IL.

3RD PRIZE DONATED BY SHAWNEE HILLS ABATE CHAPTER

***if race is a rainout, the drawing will be held September 4th, 2023**

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ABATE OF ILLINOIS
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4th Prize - \$400 • 5th Prize - \$300 • 6th Prize - \$200 • 7th Prize - \$100
8th Prize - 5 Year ABATE Membership
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Grand Prize purchased at
Woodstock Harley Davidson, Woodstock, IL
2nd Prize purchased at Niehaus Cycle Sales, Litchfield, IL
3rd Prize donated by Shawnee Hills ABATE Chapter
Winner must pay taxes and fees
Donation 1 ticket for \$5.00
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For Drawing Results
Visit www.ABATE-IL.ORG
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Bike@abate-il.org

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**Available dates for the
bike to be at your
event.**

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bike to be at your event.

- December 30-1, 2022
- January 13-15, 2023
- January 27-29, 2023
- February 3-5, 2023
- March 3-5, 10-12, 24-26,
31-2 2023
- April 14-16, 28-30 2023
- May 19-21 2023



**COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING.
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS.
WORKING TOGETHER IS A SUCCESS.**



Date	City	Location	Event
Jan 8, 2023	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	Winter Blows Swap Meet
Jan. 20-22	Springfield	Northfield Inn Suites	State Seminar
Feb 12, 2023	Springfield	Orr Building	Swap Meet
Feb 18	Mattoon	Moose Lodge	Anniversary
Feb 26	Dixon	Elk's Club	Swap Meet
March 17-19, 2023	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	Flea Market
March 19, 2023	Peoria	Expo Gardens	Swap Meet
March 22	Springfield	Floyd's Thirst House	Legislative Day
April 8, 2023	Moonshine	Moonshine Store	Lunch Run
April 22	Mt Vernon	Roadhouse H/D	Kyle Price Memorial Ride
May 7, 2023	Springfield	IDOT Building	Awareness Rally
May 11-14	West Frankfort	Downtown	Oh King Coal Festival
May 26-29	Savanna	Poopy's	Memorial Day Weekend
June 2-4, 2023	Leaf River	Leaf River Daze	ABATE Awareness
June 9-11	Darlington WI	Lafayette County Fair	Stock Car Races
June 17	Marseilles	Downtown	Freedom Run
June 22-25	Lanark	Crooked Roof	Bike Night & Old Settler Day
July 1-2, 2023	Stockton	Corner Tap	ABATE Awareness
July 4,	Stockton	Memorial Park	July 4 th Celebration
July 7-9	Freeport	Downtown	Tutty Baker
July 16	Plano	American Legion	Car Show
July 20-22	Freeport	Big O's on the Hallow	ABATE Awareness
July 25-28	Freeport	Fair Grounds	Stephenson County Fair
July 29	Sandwich	Downtown	Car Show
July 30	Sycamore	Downtown	Car Show
Aug 4-5, 2023	Forreston	City Park	Sauerkraut Day
August 6-11	Belvidere	Fairgrounds	Boone County Fair
August 12-13,	Mendota	Downtown	Sweetcorn Festival
August 16-20	Fairbury	Fairgrounds	Fairbury Fair
August 25-27	Tonica	Downtown	Jeep Jam & Car Show
Sept 1-3 2023	Springfield	State Fairgrounds	Springfield Mile

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WEST CENTRAL REGION

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 The Bar 301 S Center St LaHarpe IL 309-313-2933
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NORTHWEST REGION

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****Dixon VFW Post 540 1560 Franklin Grove Rd Dixon IL 815-288-5165****
****The Black Rose Saloon 802 E Peru St Princeton IL 815-915-8003**
 GP Cyclesport Inc- 1209 N Bridge St. Yorkville IL 630-553-8225
 Plano American Legion Post 510 E Dearborn St Plano IL 630-552-8313

Hometown Lanes & Sports Bar 209 W Main St Plano IL 630-552-4177
 Big O's on the Hollow 1931 IL-75 E Freeport IL 815-616-8543
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 Pub 225 310 N Main Ave Milledgeville IL 815-973-3981
 Ecky's Tap- 132 E Main St Wyandot IL 815-699-9372
 Beer Here Bar & Grill 115 E Maple Ave Manlius IL 815-445-7009
 Nick's Tap & Grill 1301 Prophetstown Rd Rock Falls IL 815-626-1470

NORTHEAST REGION

Judge's Bar 35 E Cass St. Joliet IL
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**** It's renewal time for these businesses. Please use the form below to submit your renewal.**

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Business Name _____
 Business Address _____
 Business Phone _____
 Business Contact Person _____
 E-mail Address _____
 Chapter and/or Region _____

Fee for 1 year of listing = \$50

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 PO Box 526 Avon IL 61415-0526



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HELLO NW REGION CHAPTERS FROM YOUR FORMER REGION COORDINATOR SANDY MURRELL!!

Your probably wondering why you are seeing another write up from me since I am no longer your NW Region Coordinator- well- write ups for the state paper have to be in by the 2nd Saturday of the month and voting wasn't until the 3rd Saturday of the month, so you get to see one more from me

Seminar is coming up this month. The NW Region meeting at seminar will be the same time, 8:00 am, same room. Come and meet your new NW Region Coordinator and see what he has to share.

The next NW Region event is the Chili Shootout and is scheduled for Saturday, Feb 4 at the VFW in Dixon. Any donations for the bake sale, silent auction and live auction would be appreciated. Help is still needed. It takes more than one person to put this on. See flier for details.



Please check the chapters Facebook page and website for chapter meetings for their meeting locations and times as well as any events they may have set up. The chapters that are in our region are:

Blackhawk, Twin Rivers, Open Roads, Kishwaukee Valley, Freeport, Starved Rock and Thunder Rock. Hoping to see you all soon. Stay safe and healthy!!!

Peace!
Sandy Murrell
Your Former NW Region Coordinator
Freeport Chapter Member
MRF Member

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ABATE OF ILLINOIS, INC.
NORTHWEST REGION
17th ANNUAL CHILI SHOOTOUT!!

SATURDAY, February 4, 2023
3:00 PM to 7:00 PM with
LAST CHILI IN AT 4:00 PM
Judging will start at 4:15 – 4:30 PM
People's Choice Judging starting at
5:30 PM get a ticket with paid entry.
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1560 FRANKLIN GROVE ROAD, DIXON, IL. 61021

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Starved Rock Chapter

*****Starting in January 2023 the meetings will begin at 12:30*****

2023 officers are as follows President: Don Jackson-accepted. VP: Bob Ganze Secretary: Rick Brandt Treasurer: Linda Brandt. Activities: Marci Hebert. PR: Sherri Dober. Membership: April Strothman. Products: Tom Brown. Safety & Ed.: Vacant. Legislative: Kevin Bramel. BOD: Dan Kleckner. BOD Alternate: Kevin Bramel. Historian: Mary Sexton appointed. Sgt. at Arms: Mitch Urban, Rick Green, and Cathy Green.

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

We had a meeting Sunday November 13th meeting at The Kangley Inn in Kangley with 34 members and 4 guests present. Thanks to owners and Starved Rock ABATE members Gary and Sally Boyd for offering the room for a meeting as well as serving food to all who, purchased it. The membership drawing was won by Dennis Becker and he donated \$85.00 to the chapter! Thanks Dennis! Door prizes were awarded to members Mary Ann Hurt and Dan Kleckner. Guest Lorraine Forrest also won a door prize. Don Jackson won the MRF membership

drawing. I won the reserved room for the chapter so we did not have to call early December 1st to reserve a room! We still have to pay for the room (or at least Dan does! hahaha).

We had a meeting on Sunday December 4th at Jamie's Outpost in Utica. Jamie's is owned by Starved Rock ABATE members Jamie and Tracy Mix. We had 36 members and 3 guests present. The membership drawing was won by Roy Dittle and he donated \$67.00 to the chapter! Thanks Roy! Door prizes were awarded to members Cris Brandt and Don Jackson. Rose was the guest who won a door prize. The winners of the MRF memberships were Jeff McCully and Joe Panicucci. Marci H., activities officer, requested that members take it upon themselves to ask their local businesses for donations for the upcoming Spring Fling and the Membership run. Give her any items you collect and let her know where they are from. This will help with the upcoming events to spread the footwork over more of the chapter members. There will also be committees to help with the events. This will give members an opportunity to get more involved and to see if in the future they would like to hold an office in the chapter. There was discussion on how to retain members and how to entice younger riders to join ABATE. April S., membership officer, stated she would make

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up a flyer with a QR code and information about ABATE and bring it to the next meeting.

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

Meeting Sunday January 8th, 2023. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open. Mike Guare owns Mike's Brownstone and is a Starved Rock Chapter ABATE member. ***The meeting will begin at 12:30***

2023 ABATE of Illinois SEMINAR January 20-21st!!! It will be at the Northfield Inn in Springfield. You must call and reserve a room as soon as possible beginning Dec 1st at 12:01 am. Register early to get discounted prices. A form should be online at ABATE of Illinois website or in the newsletter.

Meeting Sunday February 5, 2023 at the Mendota Moose. ***The meeting will begin at 12:30*** This will be a potluck so please bring a dish to share with the group. The gun raffle winners will be drawn after the meeting.

Meeting Sunday March 5th, 2023 at Softails in Ladd. ***The meeting will begin at 12:30.*** Softails is owned by Starved Rock Chapter member and supporter Noreen Griffin. Noreen will have a chicken buffet dinner along with salad, spaghetti and fries for \$8.95 per person.

For Starved Rock Chapter clothing and other items: Check out this site. <http://Allpointsprinting.company.site> Scroll down and you will see the Starved Rock ABATE logo. Click on the logo and check out what you can order directly! You may also place orders with products officer Kari Brown as well.

You can renew your membership online at <https://www.abateilupdate.com/product-category/dues/>

You may follow Starved Rock ABATE on Facebook!

Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Office



Open
Roads
Chapter

OPEN ROADS ABATE

Hope everyone had a **Very Blessed Christmas...** full of Joy, Peace, and

Love and never forgetting the "Reason for the Season". As we all start another new year, let's keep in mind what we stand for in ABATE - know your rights, educate yourselves so you can educate others, sign up those new members just waiting to be asked.

Membership - Congrats to our members renewing their dues and welcome to our newest members - Melanie Baum, Karen Bendik, TJ and Wendy Cline, Aubrey Fosburg, LNicole Tucker, Duwain Kennedy, Madison Tucker, and Mitchell Zastresak. We need YOU to retain our many freedoms of riding. YOUR voice joins with OURS to make our voices heard. Benefits with your ABATE membership includes patches, legislative updates, \$3000 insurance policy, and a legal will (value \$300 to \$400) created by our Legal Team.

Summer Book 2023 - We are planning our **2023 Open Roads Summer Book**. Our committee has taken 10 stops out and will replace them with 10 new stops. Books should be available February 1 so you may plan your riding for the summer. Committee members include Bill and Sally Kolb, Kevin and Patti Smith, Frank Lorang, Sharyl and Sam Mataya, and Cliff and Linda Oleson.

Next Meeting - Our December meeting will also be our Christmas Party on Saturday, January 7 (yes, January 7). The meeting will begin at 5 pm following 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 appetizer; J - Q dessert; R - Z salad. If you wish to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$10 marked 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.

Train Fun Run - Saturday, November 12. 85 people enjoyed a day of having fun, drawings, can cozies, smorgasbord of drinks, t-shirts, games, great hospitality at 3 stops, food, drink, and reminiscing with friends. First stop was at "Zubar" in Brookfield, second stop was "The

Garage" in Berwyn, and third stop was "Phil's Bar & Grill" in Brookfield. Open Roads has 9 new members who signed up at this event.

Dinner Ride - Monday, November 14, went to Schmidt's Tavern in Elburn via automobile. Diana Rebechini, Tracey Supan, Bob & Cherie Mauer, Kevin & Patti Smith, Cliff & Linda Oleson enjoyed a great meal and great company at Schmidt's Tavern.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Membership Survey - please complete the member survey that was in November's newsletter and return to assis-tantcoord@abate-il.org. Great questions and will help ABATE of IL, Inc. know how members feel about their organization.

Bike Raffle Tickets - ABATE of IL, Inc. Bike Raffle Tickets are available on-line at abate-il.org. Open Roads will have their tickets at a later date.

RKA Gift Card - We are once again holding a raffle for a \$500 gift card to RKA Gun Gallery in Plano. Tickets are \$10 each with 150 to be sold. Winning ticket will be drawn when all tickets are sold.

State Seminar - January 20 and 21, 2023 - Northfield Inn in Springfield. THIS IS FOR ALL MEMBERS. You learn so much, network with ABATE members around the state, and have a great time. Some of our members already have made arrangements to attend **State Seminar**. Spend the weekend at the Northfield Inn or Ramada OR Saturday only for opening ceremonies, lunch, and workshops.

NW Region Chili Shoot Out - Saturday, February 4, 3 to 7 pm, Dixon VFW, many varieties of chili, desserts, silent auction, 50/50, bake sale, and much more. Make your favorite chili and bring it to be judged and share with others by 4 pm. \$5 donation per person for ABATE of IL State-Pac. Save the date and join in on the fun.

Chili Cook-off and Pool Tournament - Saturday, February 11 pm, at Plano Hometown Lanes. 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. Registration for Pool Tournament is from 11:30 to noon with the Tournament beginning at noon. \$10 per person. If you want to enter the Chili Cook Off, please have your chili at Plano Hometown Lanes by noon. \$5 to enter Chili Cook Off and vie for 3 prizes. Your chili will be sampled from noon to 2 pm with chili winner to be announced at 2 pm. Anyone not entering chili may eat for \$5. Sounds like a full day is planned for you

Come to a meeting, event, check out our Facebook page or call Cliff (630) 552-3828 or Patti (815) 498-6025 if you have questions, events, updates, or suggestions. You might be surprised what **opportunities** you may find. Tune in every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 8 pm at the ABATE of IL Facebook page with Ski and Chris Hansen for the latest legislative updates and events. The name of the program is "ABATE of Illinois Live".

Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity

Pictures:

Open Roads signed up 9 new members at their Fall Train Fun Run on November 12. Some of the new members are Aubrey Fosburg, LNicole Tucker, Open Roads President Cliff Oleson, TJ & Wendy Cline, Mitchell Zastressek, Melanie Baum, Karen Bendik, and Open Roads Membership Coordinator Bill Kolb.



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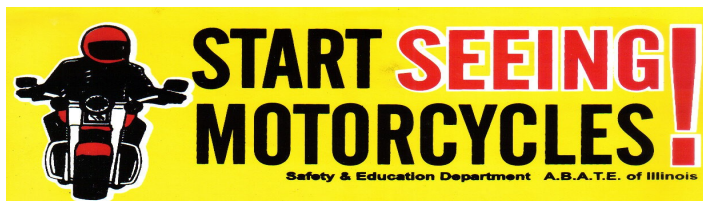
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Members had a wonderful meal at Schmidt's in Elburn on November 14 – Cherie Mauer, Cliff & Linda Oleson, Tracey Supan, Diana Rebechini, Kevin & Patti Smith, and Bob Mauer.

Kevin Smith (left) presented cash prizes to the 3 card winners -



Laura Wartenberg (2nd place), Wayne Schofield (3rd place), and Stacey Sucherland (1st place) with Cliff Oleson





Less than 100 days before spring, not a motorcycle in site, all snuggle way, while leather hang in our closets with anticipation of Spring on the way. With visions of Black top, rumble and wind, soon the covers will come off and into Gear again.

PAST EVENTS:

Thunder Rock had their Christmas dinner and elections results for our 2023 officers December 4th, Congratulations to all.

2023 ELECTED OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT:** BOB CARROLL
- VICE PRESIDENT:** TERRY WEIL
- SECERATARY:** SHANNON GROW
- TREASURER:** NICOLE HAMMER
- MEMBERSHIP:** TERRY WEIL
- LEGISLATIVE:** JOE ROTH
- SAFETY & ED:** TERRY WEIL
- ACTIVITES:** JOE ROTH
- NEWSLETTER:** SHANNON GROW
- STATE NEWSLETTER:** CINDY WEIL
- PRODUCTS:** TYLER CROWN
- SARGENT OF ARMS:** JOE ROTH
- WEBMASTER:** SHANNON GROW
- B.O.D MEMBERS:** BOB CARROLL, TERRY WEIL, WAYNE SKIP GROW & JACK STROUD

CONGRATS TO ALL! Looking forward to a productive year, always remember as members we need to support and work together as a team to make the chapter successful.

UPCOMING EVENTS: JANUARY 20TH – 22ND State Seminary, Springfield IL.

OFFICERS MEETING: Will be FEBRUARY 1ST @ 5:00. Please watch our Facebook page for place. All members are more then welcome to join, to make it more convenient we will be trying to zoom, you will find the instructions on our Facebook page on how to participate.

CHAPTER MEETING: Will be February 4th at 11:00, at Trippie’s Bar & Grill, in Oregon IL. As always, we are looking forward to seeing more faces and voices participating, with suggestions and thoughts. As a reminder each meeting there is a drawing for one year renewal membership, however you must be present to win. DECEMBER NAME was Aaron Holden, he was not present, and his name was put back into the draw.

THIS MONTHS TRIVIA/HISTORY

What was the first motorcycle called?

REITWAGEN (“RIDING CAR”) It was designed as an expedient testbed for their new engine, rather than a true prototype vehicle.



The Daimler Retiwagen was a motor vehicle made by Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Mayback in 1885. It is widely recognized as the first motorcycle. It was also called *Einspur* "single track" "Vehicle with gas or petrol engine"

Engine 264cc, air-cooled four stroke single. Crank start, wood frame, top speed 6.8 mph

Hope to see you at our chapter meeting, until next time, be safe and healthy

Think Spring....THUNDER ROCK CHAPTER



TWIN RIVERS

We had 19 members at our Christmas potluck/meeting on December 11th at Doc’s garage. Food was great and so was the camaraderie Thanks for electing me to do the chapter newsletter! I had a bad case of burnout, but am now happily back!

Our big news is our upcoming SWAP MEET ON FEBRUARY 26 at the Dixon Elks Lodge. Hope to see a lot of our Northwest chapter members there. It is our only fundraiser, so members, be there!

We are setting up on Feb 25 at 2:30 p.m. Volunteers are also needed bright and early around 6 a.m. on the day of the swap meet to help the vendors. Breakfast and lunch will be available. The state bike will also be there, so come and buy a ticket.

We also held elections for 2023 and filled all offices except products. Several of our officers hold multiple positions, so chapter members please help when you can.

On a sad note, we lost one of our original members; Bill Provance. There will be a ceremony of life held on May 6th. That’s all the details I have at this time, so check this newsletter in the spring and come celebrate Bill’s life. I’ve known Bill since before I started riding solo. Probably met him at May’s airport which was also the Harley shop way back when. Definitely before the designer buildings that exist now! Bill was one of the kindest people I ever met. All who knew him will miss him.

Winter is setting in, so take the time to look your cycle over and fix those little things that you know you need to!
Kat



Welcome to 2023 from DuKane A.B.A.T.E.!

I hope you all had a very Happy New Year and welcome to 2023! It's going to be another great year of motorcycle riding this year and we look forward to putting many miles on with everyone!

I'd like to welcome the 2023 DuKane A.B.A.T.E. BOD! They are as follows: **President** – Chris Hansen, **Vice President** – Randy Ramey, **BOD Rep** – Kley Abel, **Legislative Coordinator** – Randy Ramey, **Treasurer** – Mark Del Monaco, **Secretary** – Amy Nelson, **Events Officer** – Chris Newman, **Membership** – Mark Garrison, **Public Relations/Webmaster** – Nathan Klapatch, **Newsletter** – Mike Nicholson, **Safety & Ed** – Steve Waltz, **Road Captain** – Viper, **Independent Rep #1** – John Bloch, and **Independent Rep #2** – Horsepower. I personally want to thank all of them for giving their time to fight for the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists/off-roaders/ATV Riders in Illinois.

March 19th is going to be a fun day with DuKane A.B.A.T.E. as it is our 6th Annual DuKane A.B.A.T.E. ABC – A.B.A.T.E. Bowling Classic! This will be at Bowlero (558 E. North Ave, Glendale Heights, IL 60139) and registration starts at 1:00pm. It will be \$15 per bowler (including shoes) and for an extra \$10, you can get in on our 9 Pin-No-Tap Tournament. This is always a great day of motorcyclist camaraderie, and all proceeds raised from this event will go to the DuKane Downed Riders Fund to help motorcyclists in need. We look forward to seeing you all there!

President Chris Hansen and Vice President/Legislative Coordinator Randy Ramey are working to introduce legislators in DuPage and Kane County to membership to help the relationships we have with them stay strong. It is going to be very important for our chapter this year to work with new faces and make sure we're working together on the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists side by side.

We have put together the list of events for 2023, including the DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Bikini Bike Wash, the 8th Annual #Sethstastic Motorcycle Run, and the 37th Annual DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Toy and Food Run. So, make sure to stay tuned for those dates, and get them on your calendars as it's going to be a great year!

Make sure to join us on January 17th for our next DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. These meetings are incredibly important to attend as you'll hear reports from all DuKane BOD Officers and you'll keep up to date on what's happening with motorcyclists' rights in DuPage and Kane County in 2023.

We look forward to seeing many of you at A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois S.T.E.E.L. on January 20th – 21st!

Get Out – Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

DuKane A.B.A.T.E. President

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Monthly Membership Meeting

West Chicago American Legion
123 Main Street West Chicago, IL
60185

January 17, 2023 | 7:30pm SHARP

Happy New Year 50/50 RAFFLE





MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

JENNIFER SANALITRO
STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE 48TH DISTRICT
ENDORSED BY A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS PAC IN THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTION
WILL FIGHT FOR MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS



**Blackhawk
Chapter**

NEW MEETING LOCATION for 2023
VFW Post 2153, 1721, 7th Street
Moline IL

Second Sunday of every month
1:30 pm

Our December 3rd Broomstick Pool Tournament and Chili Cook-Off was just one heck of a good time. 24 entries in the pool tournament and 8 entries in the Chili Cook-Off. We saw a few members we hadn't seen in a while; Nathan Baker and his wife Karla were there, they hadn't been to "the broomstick" in 20 years, really good to see old friends come back. Deb Wright was there, as was Vicky Binger, both originally members in the late 1980s.

Thirty-six years ago, ABATE of IL members in the QCA held their first Broomstick Pool Tournament and Chili Cook-off making it Blackhawk Chapter's longest running event. There was no Blackhawk Chapter at the time, and there wouldn't be until July of the next year. ABATE members in the IL QCA were part of Central IL ABATE, which had a county division at the time. Jamee Young was at this year's broomstick, her mom and stepdad were Kaye and Gene Newland who had moved to Rock Island from Alexis and were Central's Rock Island County reps. Just 17 at the time Jamee was present at many an informal meeting that would lead to the creation of Blackhawk Chapter. These meetings taking place at her folk's trailer in the west end of Rock Island, fond memories.

Dan Williams and Brenda Aylesworth from Kishwaukee Valley chapter were in attendance as well, thanks for coming by. That's going on my 2023 to do list, to get out and visit some other chapters' events. You never know what you might learn, and interchapter support builds a better ABATE.

This year's winners were first place in the pool tournament, Marty Matya with Jim Posten taking second. In the Chili Cook-off Penny West took first, Ernie Steele (hey that's me) took second and Richard Cameron's deer burger chili took third. Greg Dorr won the drawing and donated back a portion of the

proceeds, thank you Greg.

Angela Winkel was named Volunteer of The Year for 2023, thanks Angie for all you do. Honorable mention goes out to Kelly Carlson for press releases, Wayne Carlson resident grill master, Brian, and Howard Kiel for helping with Bear's for Buddies, McGrath HD for providing us with grill and coolers for Bear's for Buddies as well.

I want to personally thank every single person that came to an event, went to a meeting, worked a booth or showed up for the chapter in anyway. You are what keeps this chapter alive, and the work we do is far to important for the alternative.

I have this reputation for remembering something as I'm sitting down after giving a report "One more thing" somebody usually says it as I start to stand back up. But I want to talk about another kind of "One more thing." We are all involved with ABATE because we love motorcycling to some degree or another. As for me, it's my life – it truly is. It's my spirituality. No matter where you fall on that spectrum, if you're reading this chances are it's often brightened your day. I'm asking you to give back for that joy, no matter how little or how much you're involved I'm asking that this year you do "one more thing" for motorcycling. Something you haven't done before, take a rider ed course, become a rider coach, fill out a witness slip, volunteer to help at an event – anything, just do one more thing, something you haven't done before. You are what will make us thrive again.

Given that the second Sunday of January is the 8th I can't be certain you will receive this in advance of the meeting. On the off chance that you do, we will be approving our 2023 calendar of events that day.

Ok enough rambling, hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and I hope to see you at a meeting.

Ernie Steele

NE Region Coordinator Report

Northeast Region Update 12.10.22

The third Northeast Region meeting of 2022 took place on Sunday November 27th at the American Legion Hall in West Chicago. Chapters were reminded of the December elections where nobody is running for Products Coordinator and three candidates are running for Assistant coordinator. One of the candidates is from our region, Dennis Byron. He has served multiple positions at South Suburban and was the State Coordinator prior to Ryan. Hopefully he is elected once again to help our organization move forward in 2023.

The group was advised that auction items were needed for the state seminar. A permanent change of note... Friday night's auction will benefit FEDPAC and Saturday night's auction will benefit ABATEPAC.

Chapter liability insurance statements have been mailed. Payments are due January 30th in the state office as are 990 reports that should be sent to State Treasurer Paul Truax for review. Chapters can find the 990 forms on the state website. Please keep an eye out for the quarterly membership reimbursement checks that are sent to the

mailing address of your chapter. A large number of these have yet to be cashed.

DuKane Chapter is collecting signatures on a petition for an off road and ATV park to be built by the forest preserve district in Kane County. In addition to providing a place for our youth to ride, this park has the potential to increase tourism in Kane County and the State of Illinois. Contact either DuKane President Chris Hansen or NE Region Coordinator Rich Gruner to sign or pass around petitions.

Our next region meeting will take place at the state seminar on Saturday January 21 at 8 AM. Please bring your chapter event flyers to this meeting to be passed around. Already on the calendar are three events... Will County's Cabin Fever Party will be held on Saturday January 28th at the Stone City VFW, 6 PM. Northern Illinois is hosting a chili cook-off on Saturday March 25th at Harbor Brewing, Lake Villa, 6 PM. South Suburban is planning their Annual Topless Tour for Saturday June 10. Details TBA.

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Northern Illinois Chapter

Northern Illinois ABATE Update 12.10.22

Sixteen members of the Northern Illinois chapter met on Saturday November 26th at Doyle's Pub.

We welcomed two new members to the chapter, Joe D. and Bill K. Congratulations to member Jack M. who is engaged to Cheryl S.!

Details were worked out for the chapter Christmas Party on Sunday December 18th. Three menu items will be available for dinner...lasagna, pot roast or reuben sandwiches. There will be a cash bar and a dessert tray will be brought in from a local bakery. Four gift baskets were to be made by the ladies.

We now have a location for our Chili cook-off on Saturday March 25th...Harbor Brewing in Lake Villa. Flyers will be created and passed out shortly.

President Rich passed around a petition for an off road and ATV park to be built in Kane County. The DuKane chapter is promoting the park as a place for younger riders to learn to ride or hone their skills and as tourism draw for the county and state. Construction continues on a downstate off road and ATV park that may open in 2023.

Vicki, Rich and Diane will represent Northern at the state seminar in January. Members were encouraged to donate items for FEDPAC and ABATEPAC auctions that will be held during

the seminar.

A NE Region meeting will take place on Saturday morning followed by the general and breakout presentations. The chapter voted a \$100 sponsorship to this event.

Meeting minutes from October were approved as were the Treasurer' and membership report.

We have several items of chapter clothing available for purchase...t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies. Contact Donna if interested in any of these items. The slate of officers for 2023 was voted in unanimously. With Sam's position to come open when she moves to Florida, Vicki stepped up as BOD Representative. Thank you! Our Safety and Ed position is still open.

Members were invited by Bill K. to attend ABATE of Wisconsin's Legislative Day in Madison. Date is TBD.

Northern has been invited to attend Walneck Swap meets at the McHenry County Fairgrounds for the upcoming year. We have been offered a prime location to sell bike raffle tickets and memberships.

A volunteer schedule will be created for each date. Rich is suggesting a pop up tent with our chapter name be purchased to protect volunteers from sun and rain.

Further discussion will be had at our next meeting on January 28th, 11 AM at Doyle's Pub.

Rich Gruner

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Thank you to Sandy Murrell for your hard work, leadership, and dedication to A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois as Northwest Region Coordinator for the past 7 years!
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SCAN me! SCAN me! SCAN me!



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ABATE FEDPAC



A New Year 2023 resolution, to discover and discuss dynamic opportunities and activities on our quest to maintain freedom of the road.

Justice for the severely injured motorcyclist or worse, loss of life, is a daunting task we must maintain on the front burner with local and state government authorities. For instance, take into consideration the below matter:

Let us take note of an accident that calls attention to inequities in our fight for motorcycle justice discrepancies that transcend a country's border.

On December 8, 2022, a United Kingdom court presided on the 2019 case of American citizen Anne Sacoolas, who's careless driving on the wrong side of the road causing death of British teenager Harry Dunn a 19-year-old male motorcyclist. Sacoolas was sentenced to an eight-month suspended sentence. Did Sacoolas' status as spouse to a U.S. diplomat cause leniency in the sentencing? Does that sound like justice for an unsuspecting motorcyclist who lost his life!

Doesn't this make it very apparent the importance of our efforts for enhanced unity in justice for unsuspecting riders that may come into similar outcomes like the 19-year-old motorcyclist? Do we continue to allow these injustices without any debate on more equitable sentencing approaches that truly reflect the value of life and respect for ALL who use alternate methods of transportation? Care to voice your opinion/perspective on these injustices?

Could the above scenario be a topic of discussion at the state Seminar about to roll out January 20-21, 2023? Are you planning on attending the Seminar at Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL? The Seminar is full of learning opportunities and meeting with motorcycle enthusiasts. Overnight lodging is not required but Seminar registration is mandatory which will afford you access to the programs and/or banquet. Go to ABATE website for more information.

On Sunday, December 4, 2022, the Chicagoland Toys for Tots (TfT), the largest motorcade parade across the country, thousands of riders rolled up (Southside to Northside) West-

ern Avenue with toys strapped on their bikes riding in unison on a mission of merriment for needy children. A great sight to behold!

South Suburban helpers, I and South suburban ABATE friends, took up flags and participated as stationary blockers at various intersections on the south side; thus, providing protection and safe involvement to both riders and public (cars, people...) encounters. Thanks to all who rode, waived to the crowds, and made it a fun experience. A festive mood was generated and permeated the people and establishments.

Chicagoland Toys for Tots is comprised of all volunteers – no salaries, no compensation – volunteers needed to step up and support this auspicious event. Toys for Tots works year-round and you are welcome to attend member meetings January 27 (nominations) and February 19, 2023 (elections), at 7p.m. Rhine VFW, 5858 S Archer Avenue, Chicago, IL. A new member must attend three (3) meetings to qualify for a member identification number/card.

Be grateful for your happy, loved children/family and please pray and help those in dire situation with small acts of kindness such as giving time and energy to the Toys for Tots organization. Together we can accomplish much needed education and expansion to our respective entities.

Chapter board meeting is on...

Thursday, January 19, at 7:00p.m. SHARP

So Suburban A.B.A.T.E.

American Legion Post #1160

10739 S Ridgeland Avenue

Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

Although this is a board meeting, members are welcome to attend and hopefully stay for social time following the meeting.

Freedom of choice, Nick Savas Activities, Safety & Ed., Public Relations,

Daisy Perez Chapter President, BOD Rep., Membership



Chicago Chapter

Check out our website

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CHICAGO A.B.A.T.E.
35th ANNUAL
Chili & Jalapeno Eating Contest
Sat., February 11, 2023 ~ Noon to 6pm
River Park Moose Lodge - 8601 Fullerton Ave., River Grove, Ill
Free Admission with a FULL pot of Chili - Last Chili in 3pm
~ Free Chili while it lasts ~ Music ~ Door Prize ~ Raffles ~ Trophies
KIDS FREE **PRICE FOR FREEDOM \$20.00**



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Safety & Education Department A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois



End of Year Recap

Yes, it may be hard to think of 2022 being over, but here we are in December and facing a new year, with new challenges for ABATE and the continuing fight for motorcycle rights. Yes, it is continuing, because as new faces come into the statehouse in Springfield we need to educate them too- hence the Education at the end of ABATE. Many come to the job of representative to make a statement on their positions, and many think that protecting YOU from yourself is part of the job, hence the constant attack on your rights, including helmet laws (53 attempts and counting) where you can repair your bike, where you can ride, how loud your pipes, etc. etc. As long as ABATE is there in Springfield, your rights will be looked after. But, we need you, the membership of ABATE, to support us by maintaining your membership and talk to other riders about what we do for them. Without YOU, our strength is lost.

Legislative-We had a banner year in Springfield, starting with our being specifically left out of the infrastructure bill. According to the Governors office, motorcycles were not primary transportation. Well we are not going to be ignored, so the #motorcyclesareprimary PR campaign was launched, and yes where very few of us are going to go out and buy an electric motorcycle, it was the precedent that had to be addressed, so Bill 2940 was born, adding incentives for the purchase of electric motorcycles. The bill passed the House and Senate unanimously, and signed into law by the Governor.

If that was not enough, our trailer plate bill, reducing single axle trailer plate fees from \$118 to \$36, again passed both houses unanimously and signed into law. You want a task that would seem impossible, try taking money from the politicians in Springfield. ABATE of IL was the only group working on fee reduction. This shows the power that you yield in Springfield by way of ABATE.

Events- We had a banner year for events in 2022, starting with the Anniversary Party. We had a great turnout and thanks to the hard work of Brian and Genni Reed, our activities officers, and an extensive list of donations of all types, which resulted in a much needed infusion of funding for all of Liberty's activities. Thanks to all who donated, spent money at our auctions, and participated in our raffles.

We also had several runs this year, and participated in Bagelfest, spreading the word of the work ABATE does, and we raised some money through bike raffle ticket sales. In June was the State Party, with a group from Liberty attending, and enjoying the bike games, bands, and the one of a kind Bag Lady Sue. In July was the 4th parade, with an outstanding show of participation.

In August we had the best ever Backwoods Biker Bash, with amazing participation and attendance. Although we have had this event for several years, this was by far the best. Biker games, music, adult games, a great crowd and great weather all combined to make a very memorable event. We ended the year with two toy runs, Turkey bowling, and a broomstick pool and chili cook off with Embrass Valley chapter, which, unfortunately both events were won by Embrass. Maybe next year Liberty?

2022 witnessed the award of another scholarship, this time to Liberty member Katie Greuel who at present is

attending SIU. We wish her the best of luck in her academic career.

Other happenings included the State seminar in January, which is where Liberty donates money to ABATE, ABATE Pac, and Fedpac, the last two by purchasing items at the auction, which in turn is placed in our auction at the anniversary party. 2023 Seminar dates are January 20-21. All ABATE members are welcome to attend. The cost is \$40.00 dollars per person for seminar fees and the award banquet.

Another yearly event is fruit baskets. We get together and make up baskets of fruit to give out to the local senior centers. These are always much appreciated and we always receive thanks for our efforts to give back to the community. The next fruit basket assembly is December 11. Thanks to our Safety and Ed officer Carey Paxton for spearheading this event and all the hard work that goes into it.

On to 2023- We had some changes in officers this year, some new faces will be here to help run Liberty chapter. Here are your officers for 2023

- President Henry Magee
- VP Dennis Arnold
- Secretary Honey Arnold
- Treasurer Carol Wannemacher
- State board/ legislative Joel Wannemacher
- Webmaster Matt Barrett
- Newsletter Joel Wannemacher
- Activities-open
- Safety and Ed Carey Paxton
- Products-open
- Sgt-at-arms Kollyn and Rachel Humes
- Membership Cathy Curl

Thanks to all, officers and members, who volunteered to help promote Bikers Rights in Illinois. A special mention to Genni "The Boss" Reed for her kick ass job in activities. Thanks for all you do!

Events-December 17 BOD meeting with Christmas party after. 1pm in Springfield, Route 66 Hotel. All members in good standing are welcome to attend.

State Seminar January 20-21 in Springfield. Have a business or are you an individual who would be interested in being a sponsor? Look for the form in the latest state newsletter. Sponsorship's start at just \$50.00. You may also contact your BOD rep.

Anniversary Party February 18 2023 5pm Mattoon Moose lodge

Our website is Libertyabate.org. Check it out for this newsletter and the latest schedule updates, also on Facebook at Liberty ABATE. State events and membership sign up and renewal can be found at abate-il.org.

Liberty officers for 2023





Heart of Illinois Chapter

Welcome 2023

December 8th, 2022 we held our last meeting of 2022. Elections for the 2023 Officers was held, holiday dinner was enjoyed by all, and planning for a few upcoming events of 2023. We will continue to hold meetings at the Eagle's Club in Bloomington the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Upcoming Events:

January 20th & 21st: We will be attending the State Seminar.

February 18th: Broomstick @ Western Tap 12-1pm Signup.

March 11th: Bags & Chili Cookoff @ Eagle's Club.

2023 Officers:

President: Sonya Link
Vice President: Justin Conder

Secretary: Melissa Conder
Treasurer: Lloyd Stork
Membership: Melissa Conder
Activities: Shirley Hamblin
Safety and Ed: Caleb Smith
Public Relations: Sonya Link
BOD: Rick Makowski
Legislative: Rick Makowski
Alternate: Justin Conder
Sargent of Arms: John Hamblin



Old River Chapter

Hello members, neighbors, and other friends! Happy New Year to you! May the new year be kind to us all

On December 8th we will have our Election of Officers. Our current officers are going to be holding their positions for another year.

Our Old River ABATE officers and reps are:

- President- Larry (Hawkeye) Lieb
- Vice President - Ed Storm
- Treasurer - Kim Wiley
- Secretary - Lisa Best
- Membership - Sheila Cutler
- Off-Road Rep - open
- Legislative Rep - Darrell Best
- Safety-n-Ed Rep - Darrell Best
- Activities - Rick Wiley, Kevin Cutler, & Ed Storm
- Board Rep - Larry Lieb & Rick Wiley

Feel free to contact them and share your ideas.

Our next regular meeting of the membership will be held on Thursday, January 12th, 2023, at 6:30pm at the VFW Post 4829. For those who may not have heard, Sharon Aultman passed away and the Sit-n-Sip is closed. The Shelbyville VFW is located at 513 South Cedar Street. Cedar Street is South of Route 16 at 128 North. The club is 5 blocks down on your left. If you cross the railroad tracks, you have gone too far.

Our chapter president Larry (Hawkeye") Lieb will be at STEEL. Tell him "Hi!" when you see him.

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

Bro Darrell

SW REGION COORDINATOR REPORT

I'm sorry that I didn't have an article in last month's state paper it seems that events got away from me last month. Saying that this will be my last article as I have chosen not to run as region coordinator for 2023. I will be leaving the region in good hands with Martha Patterson, she is working on the regions Jim Legs Korte Memorial Marble Run for 2023 and she also purchased great donation for the seminar in January. I'm sure that those donations for the FED PAC

and STATE PAC will bring in lots off bidders for the two Harley clocks. Now I would like to thank all of you in the Southwest Region for having let me serve the region as Coordinator it has been a great experience and I will miss it. So now I am saying goodbye as your region coordinator, but I will still be an active member. See you this summer! Aloha

Dennis Kinnikin
Southwest Region Coordinator

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St. Clair County Chapter

St Clair Chapter's December meeting was held on the 9th at TR's Place in Belleville. It was probably the shortest meeting we

ever had. River Rat brought the meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance then a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters. Madam President Sheila thanked everybody for coming and turned the meeting over to the Legislative Director, me. I introduced our new State Representative "Elect" Kevin Schmidt. Kevin beat out State Rep. Latoya Greenwood of the 114th District to become our newest Representative. Kevin, from Millstadt, talked about the new district lines. He told us he was looking forward to working with us, hopes he gains our trust and he has our backs. During the Christmas party Mr. Schmidt tried to talk to just about everyone there as he heard of ABATE and was curious of the issues concerning us. Sheila asked for a motion to adjourn, and we started our Christmas Party. We had approximately 60 members and guests present.

Alex Cortez, our Activities Guru, wanted to try a meat wheel this year and boy did it go over great! We made enough to pay for the meat, free food we served plus a \$50.00 tip to the bartender leaving us with a profit of \$9.50.

The gun raffle was a huge success this year. We sold all 500 tickets for the first time ever. \$4,495.00 in sales, 1,277.14 in expenses leaving us with a profit of \$3,217.85. That will fund us through the year 2023. Excellent job by our chapter officers putting this all together and bringing attendance prizes and snacks.

Our next scheduled meeting is February 9th at 7pm. It will be held at TR's Place in Belleville Illinois. We will not have a January or March meeting. February meeting will be sponsored by Andy Toennies, Attorney LLC. He is paying for pizza and wings during the meeting. Next Meeting after that is April 13th, same place and time. If you would like to sponsor one of our meetings for \$100.00 we will mention your business in this newsletter and on our meeting reminder postcard we send out to all members right before the meeting. Happy, prosperous New Year to you all.

Mike Gallagher
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Date	Chapter Meetings 2022
1/01	Big River, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz, Shawnee Hills
1/02	Heartland
1/03	Freedom Riders
1/04	Richland County
1/05	Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County
1/06	
1/07	So Illinois 27 Open Roads
1/08	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Windy City, Ten Mile Creek
1/09	
1/10	Midstate
1/11	Will County
1/12	Heart of Illinois, Old River, St. Clair
1/13	
1/14	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads
1/15	Freeport, Prairieland
1/16	Tri County
1/17	DuKane, Lincoln Land
1/18	Chicago
1/19	South Suburban
1/20	
1/21	Black Diamond
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1/28	Northern Illinois
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Thank You Starved Rock Chapter for your \$34 donation to Legislative Day

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Thank You Kishwaukee Valley for your \$100 donation to the Memorial Fund

Thank You Blackhawk Chapter for your \$1000 donation to FEDPAC Projects

Thank You Bryan Chatham, Shoal Creek BOD Rep, for donating \$80 back from your member drawing winnings

Thank You Barb and Rich Amling, Mid-State Chapter, for your \$500 donation to the General Fund

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Date December 10th, 2022, MRF Report to ABATE of Illinois

MRF Membership in the state of Illinois stands at 482 members with 72 of them lapsed 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.

November 1, 2022

For Immediate Release

2023 Federal Legislative Agenda

At the 2022 Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s (MRF) 38th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa a legislative strategy session was hosted by the MRF’s Legislative Committee. The purpose of the session was to establish and prioritize the MRF’s 2023 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Legislative issues fall into one of three categories, high, medium and monitor. This list remains fluid and can be adapted depending on the issue and political environment.

Below is a brief description of the issues on the MRF’s 2023 agenda. The January 2023 issue of the American Biker Journal will have more detail on each of these legislative priorities. As a reminder, all MRF members receive a copy of the American Biker Journal with their membership.

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The 2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Priorities List

HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES:

Profiling - Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclist profiling.

Renewable Fuels - Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including supporting the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10% ethanol by volume.

Autonomous Vehicles - Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

Emission Regulations - Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including efforts by California and other states that endangers the future of motorcycling

Definition of a Motorcycle - Seek a more appropriate and up to date federal definition of a motorcycle which reflects the current set of vehicles on the roads today.

Crash Avoidance - Promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.

Helmet Laws - Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity standards

Black Box / Data Recording - Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Internal Combustion Engines - Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.

2023 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES:

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill) - Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (expiring in 2026).

Roadway Design - Pursue safer roadway design strategies in federal infrastructure legislation or discussions.

Discriminatory Legislation - Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.

Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology - Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

Gang, Club and Other Language - Monitor and respond to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, known associate, and associate when referring to motorcyclists.

Taxes - Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation.

2023 MONITOR ITEMS:

Distracted Driving - Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

Sound Testing - Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing or EPA action.

International Partnerships - Continue participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada informing the membership of key developments

National Studies - Continue monitoring any national studies concerning motorcycles

Exhaust Systems - Monitor and vigorously oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.

Opponents - Monitor private and public organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF.

Tolling - Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds and issues related to congestion tolling.

Lane Filtering and/or Lane Splitting - Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and concerns of lane splitting and lane filtering.

Emissions - Monitor and report on any litigation related to motorcycle emissions violations.

Tariffs - Monitor any tariffs on imported motorcycles, parts, or apparel.

Incentives - Seek fair tax rebate and or credits for the purchase of electric motorcycles similar to those offered for electric automobiles.



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BACKROADS	301 E MOUND ST	SPARTA	IL	62286	618-443-7428	BRADLEY	3/1990	SW	2/1/2022	
BIG RIVER	1126 12TH AVE	FULTON	IL	61252	563-503-1921	BRANDI	6/2007	NW	2/1/2022	
BLACK DIAMOND	PO BOX 46	CARLINVILLE	IL	62626-0046	217/710-9338	DANNY	9/1994	SW	2/1/2022	
BLACKHAWK	PO BOX 332	E MOLINE	IL	61244-0332	309/721-8871	ROBERT	7/ 1987	NW	1/1/2022	22
CENTRAL IL	PO BOX 1084	GALESBURG	IL	61402-1084	309/550-4470	BOB	7/1985	WC	2/1/2022	
CHICAGO	PO BOX 410594	CHICAGO	IL	60641	708/280-6053	PAT	1/1986	NE	1/10/2000	24
CRAWFORD COUNTY	4437 N 1500TH ST	FLAT ROCK	IL	62427	618/804-9168	ROY	1/ 1987	SE	1/1/2021	
DUKANE	PO BOX 188	W CHICAGO	IL	60186-0188	630-618-7551	CHRIS	1/ 1987	NE	1/1/2022	21
EASTERN ILLINOIS	PO BOX 6132	CHAMPAIGN	IL	61826-6132	217-898-7414	CHUCK	12/1986	EC	12/15/2021	
EMBARRAS VALLEY	303 N LOCUST	ARCOLA	IL	61910	217-480-5212	SHARILYN	2/ 2000	EC	1/15/2021	
FREEBIRD	PO BOX 278	MANITO	IL	61546-0278	309-840-1616	JIM	11/1993	WC	2/1/2021	
FREEDOM RIDERS	1241 S COLLEGE	SALEM	IL	62881	618-548-5695	CLIFFORD (DOG)	1/ 1987	SE	1/5/2021	
FREEDOM VALLEY	PO BOX 6563	PEORIA	IL	61601	309-678-0554	BRUCE	10/ 2001	WC	1/31/2018	
FREEPORT	PO BOX 205	FREEPORT	IL	61032-0205	815-990-7315	ROGER	3/ 1986	NW	1/1/2022	
HEART OF ILLINOIS	PO BOX 525	MACKINAW	IL	61571-0525	309-696-0450	SONYA	6/ 1986	EC	1/1/2022	26
HEARTLAND	PO BOX 202	PONTIAC	IL	61764-0202	815-674-6381	CHRISTINE	2/1987	EC	4/1/2021	
KASKASKIA VALLEY	215 E NOLEMAN	CENTRALIA	IL	62801	618-292-3005	TROY	4/2006	SW	11/15/2014	
KISHWAUKEE VALLEY	PO BOX 2783	LOVES PARK	IL	61132	815/721-7728	LIZ	8/1989	NW	1/1/2022	
LAMOINE VALLEY	PO BOX 512	DALLAS CITY	IL	62330-0512	319-759-2459	JOE	6/ 1988	WC	1/1/2021	
LIBERTY	PO BOX 1502	MATTOON	IL	61938	217-232-8467	HENRY	2/1987	EC	1/1/2022	25
LINCOLN LAND	PO BOX 5774	SPRINGFIELD	IL	62705-5774	217-662-9275	DWAYNE (RUDEDOG)	10/1986	WC	1/1/2021	
MID-STATE	PO BOX 531	TAYLORVILLE	IL	62568-0531	217-561-6138	TONY	3/ 1993	EC	1/1/2018	
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	PO BOX 496	LAKE VILLA	IL	60046-0496	847-533-8349	RICH	10/ 1986	NE	5/21/2022	23
OLD RIVER	PO BOX 182	SHELBYVILLE	IL	62565-0182	217/774-5883	LARRY	2/1987	EC	4/1/2017	26
OPEN ROADS	PO BOX 428	SANDWICH	IL	60548-0428	630-552-3828	CLIFF	1/1992	NW	1/1/2021	18-19
PATHFINDERS	PO BOX 92	MT STERLING	IL	62353-0092	217/257-6818	BILL	2/2008	WC	3/1/2019	
PEO-TAZ R	PO BOX 5936	PEORIA	IL	61601-5936	309/357-1255	MARK	10/1986	WC	6/1/2017	
PIASA-GATEWAY	PO BOX 363	E ALTON	IL	62024-0363	618/696-2273	MELONY	10/1986	SW	1/1/2022	
PRAIRIELAND	1901 N Railroad Ave	DECATUR	IL	62526	217/413-0359	JOHN	4/1987	EC	1/1/2021	
RICHLAND COUNTY	PO BOX 121	OLNEY	IL	62450-0121	618/354-8360	TIM	4/ 2012	SE	1/1/2021	
SALT CREEK	1172 199TH AVE	MIDDLETOWN	IL	62666	217/652-5193	THEO	1/1993	EC	8/30/2021	
SHAWNEE HILLS	339 BASSETT RD	ELIZABETHTOWN	IL	62931	573/587-2375	STEVE	4/ 1993	SE	2/1/2021	
SHOAL CREEK	PO BOX 254	IRVING	IL	62051-0254	618-292-5505	CHRISTY	4/1987	SW	1/1/2018	
SOUTH SUBURBAN	PO BOX 281	Chicago Ridge	IL	60415-0281	708/516-6591	DAISY	10/ 1986	NE	10/16/2022	24
SOUTHERN IL	13458 LAWRENCE RD	W FRANKFORT	IL	62896	618/663-7011	BOB	11/1987	SE	2/28/2019	
ST CLAIR COUNTY	PO BOX 235	FREEBURG	IL	62243-0235	618-791-5033	MIKE	5/1991	SW	12/12/2022	26
STARVED ROCK	2386 500 N RD	TOLUCA	IL	61369	815/488-1538	DON	10/1997	NW	1/1/2021	17-18
STATE LINE RIDERS	205 N AXREL AVE	MILFORD	IL	60953	815/471-3070	JOSH	12/2002	EC	2/4/2021	
TEN MILE CREEK	132 W OAK PARK DR	DECATUR	IL	62526	217/620-1707	SCOTT (SCOOTER)	4/2017	EC	1/1/2022	
THUNDER ROCK	6131 N KNOLL ST	MONROE CENTER	IL	61052	815/978-9210	BOB	2/ 2000	NW	1/1/2022	20
TRI-COUNTY	PO BOX 1513	JACKSONVILLE	IL	62651-1513	217-320-7330	JEFF	8/2004	WC	2/1/2022	
TWIN RIVERS	101 Vine St	NEW BUFORD	IL	61346	815-719-5086	MIKE	4/1987	NW	3/27/2022	20
UNION JACK	163 KATHLEEN RD	DuQUOIN	IL	62832	618/528-5513	BRUCE	11/1994	SE	11/10/2017	
WILL COUNTY	PO BOX 2488	JOLIET	IL	60434	815/210-3134	DAVID(PINK)	4/ 2003	NE	1/1/2022	
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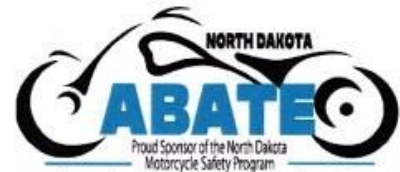
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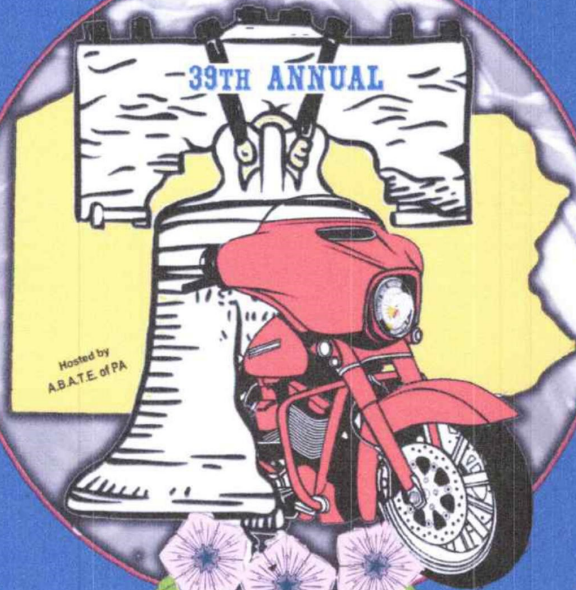
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Looking for some help with an Assistant MRF State Rep.

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 3rd place in the country for the best recruiting state! The only states ahead of us are Minnesota and Iowa. It's no surprise that the Midwest is kicking butt! Wisconsin (4th) and Arizona round out the top five. I'm sorry, but I want us to be in FIRST PLACE. 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!

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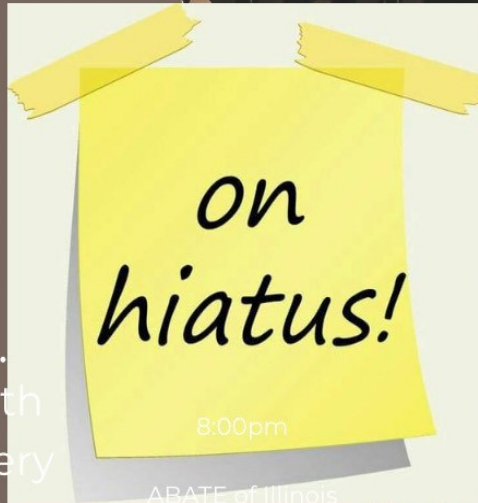
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January 20-21	Seminar
February 11 February 12	E-Board and BOD meetings Swap Meet (Springfield)
March 18, 11:00am March 19 March 22	E-Board Meeting (at the Expo Center, Peoria) Swap Meet (Peoria) Legislative Day
April 15 April 21-22	E-Board and BOD meetings Heartland STEAM (Bismarck ND)
May 6 May 7 May 15-16	E-Board Meeting Freedom Rally Bikers in the Beltway
June 17 23-25	E-Board and BOD meetings State Party
July 15	E-Board Meeting
August 19	E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations)
September 4 September 16 September 21-24	Bike Raffle Drawing E-Board Meeting Meeting of the Minds (Harrisburg PA)
October 21	E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations)
November 18	E-Board meeting
December 16	E-Board and BOD meetings (elections) Christmas Party



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Saturday
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