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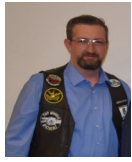
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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT



By Josh "SKI"  
Witkowski

**Corn Growers Sneak Ethanol Expansion into Omnibus Bill** – On Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:45pm, House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1963 was posted with a committee hearing to happen one

hour later at 2:45pm. This 558-page bill was known as the 'Revenue Omnibus' Bill and contained over two dozen different bills rolled into one plus additional requests from various leaders. Among those requests was a small provision that gives 15% Ethanol fuels a special tax rebate with a sunset date of 2028. The intent is to expand the use of E-15 fuels in gas stations around Illinois, but E-15 fuel is not useable by motorcycles, classic cars, medium & heavy trucks, boats, small engines, etc. ABATE of Illinois found out about the ethanol provision in this bill 15 minutes after it was posted, and we testified in committee against the bill. When the bill was debated on the house floor at 9:30pm, almost all the debate was centered on ABATE's opposition to the Ethanol incentives. Ultimately this bill did pass and is headed to the Governor's Desk. ABATE was the only group who formally opposed the bill. We are being told by our friends at the petroleum council and by the corn growers that this will not lead to significant expansion of E-15, but ABATE will continue to monitor the situation and work to pass legislation that will ensure access to the fuels motorcycles need to keep running.

**ABATE Off Road Success-** This legislative season, ABATE was able to protect the off-highway vehicle trails grant program money from being taken by a proposed tick disease research project. These funds lead to the development of trails for use by the ATV, SxS, and dirt bike community. If the proposed legislation had passed, the grants would no longer exist. ABATE has also worked with stakeholders on the issues of County highway usage by Off Road vehicles and they will be proposing legislation next year that ABATE will no longer oppose as our concerns have been addressed. The legislation still faces a huge uphill battle at the State House though. ABATE is working with the new IDNR director, Natalie Phelps Finnie to finally get the state-owned off-road park opened in southern Illinois.

**ABATE Initiated Bills on the way to the Governor's Desk** – This season, ABATE initiated two bills that were passed by the legislature and now head to the Governor's Desk. HB2582 removes the duplicate testing requirement on motorcyclists under 18. Once this bill takes effect, riders under 18 will only need to take & successfully complete the 20hr MSF class available through IDOT. SB896 legalizes Red LED under glow while braking, and legalizes LED insert turn signals, wrap around signals, and handlebar signals.

**ABATE Supported Bills on the way to the Governor's Desk** – HB2231 removes special legal protections from UBER and the like that shields them from legal liability. In 2017, an UB-

ER driver turned left in front of 2 young riders in Springfield, killing them. If the driver had been working for any other company, the company would've been held liable, but since it was UBER, they were held blameless. HB2231 removes that protection and puts UBER on the same legal plane as taxi and freight companies. SB2028 updates Driver's Education Material to include best practices to be safe around disabled vehicles and stranded motorists, including motorcycles. HB2131 puts a representative of motorcyclists on a proposed zero traffic fatality study group. HB2431 makes it illegal to video conference while driving.

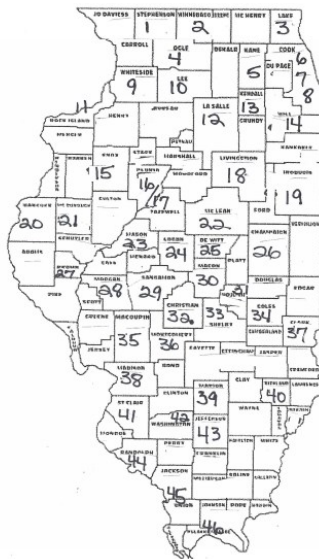
**Bills that ABATE defeated this year** – HB1108 would've brought noise monitoring to Lake Shore Drive, which has been shown to be a precursor to automated noise enforcement which targets motorcycles unfairly. HB3238 banned body armor possession including many common motorcycle protective clothing items. HB1634 & SB2050 would've brought California Emissions Standards to Illinois, banning internal combustion engines after 2035, and enacting standards that are hostile to motorcycles and offroad.

**Still to come** – Summer working groups on Autonomous Vehicles & working with IDOT on issues surrounding the Cycle Rider Safety Training Program.

**Speaking of the Cycle Rider Safety Training Program** – The proposed award of the Northern training center grant for 2023 to Ride for Change, Ride for Hope Foundation is under review at this time. The 2024-2026 grant applicants saw ICC drop out of the Central Region, and Harper College was not able to get a legislative solution to the liability issues which caused them to drop out. As it sits right now, 75% of Illinois residents will not have access to these classes in 2024. ABATE is working on a solution to this problem, so please stay tuned.

**Finally** – Changes to how the legislature operates, along with new ethics laws, and how ABATE has been supporting its events at the Capitol is going to lead to discussions about how we move forward into 2024. Please make sure your BOD Representative pays close attention to the legislative report as it will have information to be discussed at your next chapter meetings. I look forward to seeing you all at the ABATE State Party in Petersburg later this month.





**Northwest Region Chapters**

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

**West Central Region Chapters**

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

**Southwest Region**

- Backroads-44
- Black Diamond-35
- Kaskaskia Valley-42
- Piasa-Gateway-38
- Shoal Creek-36
- St. Clair-41

**Northeast Region Chapters**

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- Northern Illinois-3
- South Suburban-8
- Will County-14
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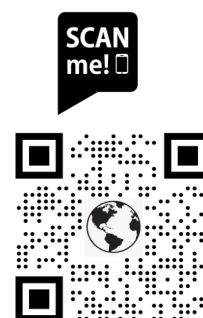
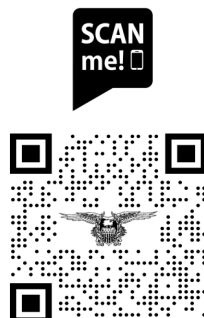
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**What is ABATE?**

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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State  
Coordinator

HI again A.B.A.T.E Riders and Friends,

I was able to attend Heartland Steam this year. If you have never been to either Heartland Steam or Meeting of the Minds you should try sometime. The speakers are good, but the chance to talk to other biker rights riders from other parts of the country is by far the greater benefit. The more we can reach out to others about riders issues the better informed we become, and it opens doors we may someday need. It also lets everyone know we are not alone in this fight. Information is vital for the fight we are in and pulling from everywhere we can, is a must. That is why I believe these meeting is so important.

Speaking of important events, I would personally like to thank each and every one of you who attended the Freedom Rally in Springfield. It is so important that we show our friends as well as those who are not with us that we are here to stay and we will be heard. I know there were a great number of events on that week end, but none as important to bikers' rights as the Freedom Rally. So once again thank you for being there.

Finally, something that is starting to be a problem that we need to talk about. When your state A.B.A.T.E. schedules a main event (Freedom Rally, Seminar or State Party) we are seeing chapters putting on events on the same dates. While this is not something we can stop as a state board, we would like to remind you that the state events our keys events for all of us and there has always been a standing agreement not to schedule events on those dates. So please, before you plan a event check the state paper for state events.

Will that's all I have for now so please ride safe and thank you for being a member of A.B.A.T.E.

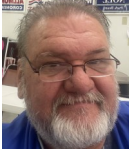
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**Always a Pleasure, Paul Truax**



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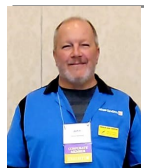
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Safety and Ed  
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To all the Members of ABATE of Illinois,

I hope everyone had a great month of Harvesting the Morel Mushrooms. Taking advantage of the Nice Weather and saddling up on the motorcycle for the day to venture off to the unknown to hunt Morels. Always be on the lookout for the dangers on the roads while enjoying the summer breeze in your face.. Road Debris, Holes, Animals, Farmers, and other vehicles on the road.

As of 05/13/2023 we have had 21 Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities.

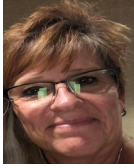
As of 05/06/2023 we have had 180 Safety & Education Class Presentations throughout Illinois and we have impacted 4592 + Students.

The DuKane Chapter has some Big Schools and had one Big Event that had over 2700 Students come through. Great Job Steve and Mark!!

We had our Illinois High School & College Driver Education Association State Conference we attended in May. We had Brother Darrell and his wife Lisa from the Old River Chapter man the ABATE of Illinois Table. They spoke to many teachers about having us do Classroom Presentations. ABATE of Illinois received A Certificate of Corporate Membership for Supporting Driver Education and Traffic Safety in the State of Illinois from the IHSCDEA named above. Vivian, Brother Darrell, Lisa and I accepted graciously. We also brought our Distress Bandanna Theme Bike for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness. We Parked it inside by the ABATE of Illinois Table.

On 05/13/2023, I took part in a Distracted Driving Day Campaign by my Lincoln Land Chapter. We had 9 locations in Springfield where someone stood for 2 hours on a busy corner. I stood on the corner of Sangamon and Dirksen. I stood on the corner by Hall's H.D. My sign read "Don't Tempt Fate Your Text Can Wait". My message was well received by a mass amount of people honking. Great job by all! Thanks to Rudedog for spearheading this Event...With Great Pleasure,

**John "Fireball" Anderson**



Products  
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From the Products Desk:  
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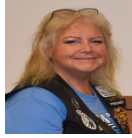
Thank you to all who stopped by and purchased the Products at the Freedom Rally.  
Good to see some familiar faces and good to meet and talk with new ones.  
Next up is the State Party, looking at bringing in some new items for sale.  
Stop by and check it out while you come and enjoy the rest of the festivities!!!!



Once the State Party is under the belt will get some items on the website for sale.

Again, want to thank you all for the SUPPORT to ABATE of Illinois thru the sales of ABATE of Illinois products.

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**Articles due June 10th, 2023 for the July Printed** issue of the newsletter. Thank you to the Chapters that submit articles and keeps us updated with the news and events around the state. If you have updated logos that you would like to use in the newsletter please email me. You are welcome to send photos and I will post if there is room, please limit the number if photos on printed issues.

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Hello fellow ABATE Members,

My name is Brian Burton. I have submitted my letter of intent for the Products Coordinators position to ABATE of Illinois. I am currently the Products Coordinator for the Lincoln Land ABATE Chapter in Springfield, Illinois. I currently have 2 years of experience handling the ordering and distribution of thousands of dollar's worth of products for the chapter to date. I am also well versed in the inventory process for all of those products. I have accurately maintained the finances for all the products ordered and sold through the chapter. I designed, ordered, and distributed several chapter event t-shirts well within the allotted time constraints.

I am conveniently located in the center of the state where most of the state product sales take place whether it be at the Board of Director's Meetings, Swap Meet, State Seminar, Freedom Rally and State Party. I have also assisted the former products coordinator at previous events. My location also plays a role in saving wear and tear on our products trailer. I am within a few miles of most all state organized events. Most of all, I have the products experience with a group of ABATE members willing to make sure ABATE of Illinois products will be manned and operated to the best of our abilities. I, as well as the helpful ABATE members will assure ABATE of Illinois products will be available for purchase at every state organized event. I look forward to serving our ABATE members and their guests with every product purchase made. I am also looking forward to working with the E-board and BOD with future design ideas and cooperatively working with others to make our products sales profitable and exciting. In my position I am open and willing to try new ideas to become more successful in product sales and design. My goal is to work hand in hand with the state officers and the ABATE of Illinois Membership to provide the products you want, need and deserve. Thank you.

Brian Burton,  
Products Coordinator,  
Lincoln Land ABATE

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**Brian Burton**  
Products Coordinator

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State Secretary

Its June already?? How did that happen so quickly?

Well the good thing is, it's STATE PARTY time!!

The next board meetings are:

**June 17, 2023 at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, Springfield**

**Executive Board Meeting at 10:30**

**Board of Directors Meeting at 1:00pm.**

We will be holding election for the Products Coordinator position during the Board of Directors meeting.

*We have two nominations.*

**Bryan Burton and Paulette Korte**

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Party,

Ride Safe and Ride Free

Teri Smith

**The next meetings is:**

**June 17th, 2023 The Executive Board at 10:00am, The Board of Directors at 1:00pm, At the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center.**



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January 30, 2023

To all those concerned:

After much consideration and thought the following intent is being presented.

The Products Coordinator position is currently open.

Paulette Korte is offering to fill the position and fulfill the obligation of that position to ABATE of Illinois.

Having previous and current knowledge of products purchasing and selling.

Balancing money accounts.

Availability to travel with own transportation.

Thank you

Paulette Korte

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







Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters!

What an awesome month May was! There were plenty of Motorcycle Awareness Proclamations received by chapters like Starved Rock, Open Roads, DuKane, Thunder Rock, Will County, South Suburban, and others. On top of that, the ABATE of Illinois Freedom Rally was a great success! The event t-shirts sold well, along with other products, the ABATE of Illinois Eagle made its return after many years, and the new ABATE of Illinois Photo Backdrop made its debut. A fully escorted ride to the Capitol was done safely and big congratulations go out to Leader Tony McCombie for being awarded the vest for ABATE of Illinois 2023 Representative of the Year and to State Senators Doris Tuner and Sally Turner for being awarded the vests for ABATE of Illinois 2023 Co-Senators of the Year! Another great event put on by Activities Coordinator Sharilyn Kibler-Russell and TEAM ABATE!

Have you pre-bought your tickets to the ABATE of Illinois State Party yet? If you haven't, why not?! Head to [www.abate-il.org/event-5247455](http://www.abate-il.org/event-5247455) and get yours now. They're only \$30 when you buy them in advance. Early sales run through June 20<sup>th</sup>. We're also looking for more sponsors for the event. If you, or someone you know, wants to sponsor this awesome party, head to [www.abate-il.org/resources/Pictures/State%20Party/Sponsorship%20for%20Party.pdf](http://www.abate-il.org/resources/Pictures/State%20Party/Sponsorship%20for%20Party.pdf) and sign up today. There is so much happening at the State Party this year at the Menard County Fairgrounds. Thursday will see karaoke – a personal favorite of mine – with Todd and Susan Farthing, Friday will have Breaking Storm rocking the stage, and Saturday we'll all be rocking with Ten96, Electric Gypsy, and Eliminator thanks to Toga Talent Agency! Friday night will also be Hawaiian night, so make sure you, your golf carts, and your campsites are decked out in a Hawaiian theme. Awards will be given to the best. Rude Dog – of the Lincoln Land ABATE Chapter – will be leading the dinner ride on Thursday to Babe's on Plum and the Presidents Ride on Saturday morning to Do-Drop-In Café for breakfast. All members are welcome and encouraged to join both! Heart of Illinois ABATE will be running the Tits Out Lounge all weekend and be sure to stop by the Puff Pass Lounge (tobacco products only) hosted by Friends in High Places and hang out! And, of course, don't miss the adult contests, chapter challenges, and golf cart races happening throughout the weekend! There is so much happening that you won't want to miss, so get online and get your tickets now! Big thanks to our sponsors so far: Law Tigers, Hupy & Abraham, Heart of Illinois ABATE, Friends in High Places, Freeport ABATE, Ten Mile Creek ABATE, Twin Rivers ABATE, Toga Talent Agency, and The Hillard Agency.

Do you have the new ABATE of Illinois Yard Signs out? Chapters have been taking them and getting them out in the public eye. We want to make sure that ALL motorists are looking for motorcyclists. If your chapter needs to get some, shoot me an email at [PR@abate-il.org](mailto:PR@abate-il.org) and let me know how many. They'll be available for pick up at the ABATE of Illinois EBOD/BOD meetings on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The ABATE of Illinois swag will be available there as well for the chapters that haven't received theirs yet.

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

- ABATE of Illinois EBOD/BOD Meetings on June 17<sup>th</sup>
- ABATE of Illinois State Party on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>
- MRF Meeting of the Minds on September 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

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  
ABATE of Illinois Public Relations Coordinator  
630-618-7551  
[PR@abate-il.org](mailto:PR@abate-il.org)



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 ABATE OF ILLINOIS 2023 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR



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## STATE PARTY

JUNE 22-25, 2023

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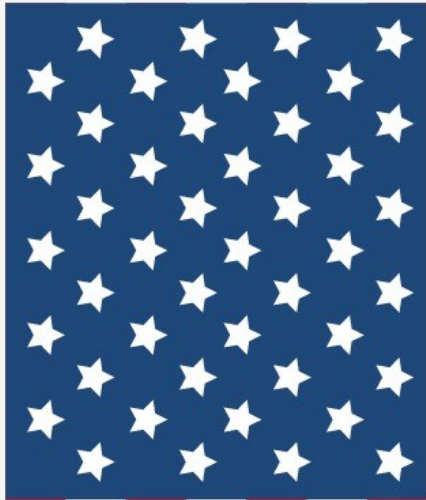
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**THE ABATE OF ILLINOIS EAGLE WILL BE AT THE STATE PARTY JUNE 22-25!**



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# **ABATE of Illinois**

## **State Party- Sponsorship**

### **June 22-25, 2023**



The ABATE State Party will be held at the Menard County Fairground in Petersburg Illinois. This three-day event is for bikers across the area to come together and celebrate over 35 years of fighting for biker and off-road rider's rights.

This year's events include bike games, scavenger hunt, dinner and breakfast rides, golf cart games, Hawaiian night contests and live music every night.

As an ABATE supporter, we would like to offer you or your organization the opportunity to receive additional recognition by helping sponsor the State Party.

We offer three levels of sponsorship:

**Full Throttle Supporter - \$2,000 and up Donation.** You will receive two free tickets for the weekend event. Advertising in our newsletter, on our website and social media until the event. A banner for your organization displayed in the main area during the event.

**Week-End Cruiser - \$500 to \$2000 Donation.** You will receive two free tickets for the weekend event. Advertising in our newsletter, on the website and social media until the event.

**Easy Rider - up to \$500 Donation.** You will receive free advertising in our newsletter, on our website and social media until the event.

Donations can be made any time prior to the State Party, but must be received by June 1, 2023 to ensure that the banners are printed.

Yes, I want to help sponsor the 2023 ABATE of Illinois State Party. I am enclosing a check for:

Full Throttle Supporter

Easy Rider

Week-End Cruiser

Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: ABATE of Illinois-State Party Sponsor

Please mail to: ABATE of Illinois

PO Box 526

Avon, IL 61415-0526 (please allow adequate mailing time for deadline of June 1)

For more information, please contact: ABATE of Illinois at: 800-87-ABATE or [office@abate-il.org](mailto:office@abate-il.org)

All donations will help defray the expenses of the State Party  
We would like to thank you for your support of ABATE of Illinois



For Information  
Call 800-87-ABATE

## **State Party**

### **Vendors**

#### **Menard County Fairgrounds – Petersburg**

#### **June 22-25, 2023**

**Food Vendors – \$100 (includes two admission tickets)**

**Vendor spaces**

10x10 - \$50 (includes one admission ticket)

20x20 - \$100 (includes two admission tickets)

Additional admission tickets may be purchased for \$30

**No Firearms or Laser Lights**

Vendor set-up will be from Wednesday afternoon on June 21  
thru Thursday June 22 12-noon

**NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WILL BE ADMITTED. NO PETS OF ANY KIND**  
**Strictly Enforced**

Complete the form below and send with payment for vendor space to:  
**ABATE of Illinois – PO Box 526 – Avon, IL 61415**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Charge to:  Visa  Mastercard  Discover

Card No \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(There is a convenience fee for taking credit cards)

**All Proceeds go to ABATE of Illinois for the Preservation of Motorcyclists Rights**

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**JUNE 22-25**

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**ABATE OF ILLINOIS IS LOOKING FOR VENDORS FOR THE STATE PARTY JUNE 22-25, 2023!**

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**Puff Pass Lounge**

**ABATE of Illinois State Party**  
**June 22-25, 2023**

Thank you to Friends in High Places for sponsoring the Puff Pass Lounge at the ABATE of Illinois State Party June 22-25. Smoke it if you've got it!

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**ABATE OF ILLINOIS STATE PARTY TITS OUT LOUNGE**  
**JUNE 22-25, 2023**

Donations Welcome!

A big Thank You goes out to Heart of Illinois ABATE for running the Tits Out Lounge at the ABATE of Illinois State Party June 22-25!  
 Hours: Thur - Friday: 10am Open  
 Saturday: 8am Open with Bloody Mary's from 8-10am  
 Questions? Call Sonya Link at 309-696-0450

**KARAOKE**

Todd & Susan Farthing Karaoke

Thursday Night at 7pm  
**ABATE of Illinois State Party**  
 June 22-25, 2023

Menard County Fair  
 Petersburg, IL

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**JUNE 22-25, 2023**

**ONE OF THE BANDS ON SATURDAY NIGHT IS ELECTRIC GYPSY!**

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**THE BAND ON FRIDAY NIGHT IS BREAKING STORM!**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS! THE MENARD COUNTY FAIR IS GOING TO BE ROCKING!**

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# BOARD MEETINGS

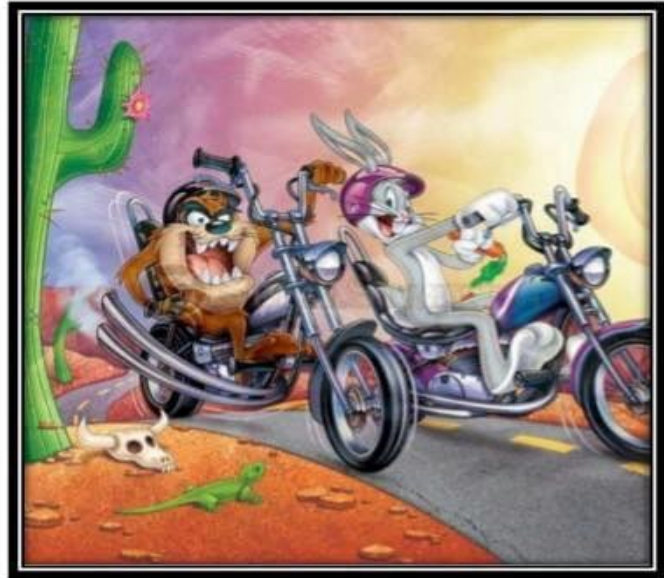
June 17, 2023

10:30am

**Executive  
Board**

1:00pm

**Board of  
Directors**



Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center  
625 East St. Joseph Street  
Springfield, Illinois



For More information contact: Teri Smith at [secretary@abate-il.org](mailto:secretary@abate-il.org)



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## NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

The spring state legislative session is drawing to a close with legislators soon to be heading home to participate in holiday parades and festivals. Many would love having a large group of supporters ride motorcycles or walk holding banners, giving out candy or brochures as part of their group.

Volunteers are always needed to man their tables at festivals or in their office. This is a great no cost opportunity to support them! Please think about joining your legislators and be safe around the holidays.

ABATE OF ILLINOIS has finally received four different swag items (can koozies, stickers, kick stand pucks, eyeglass wipes) and the new yard signs that will be available the next BOD meeting. Yard signs are \$10 each. See Secretary Teri Smith to get your Chapters allotment of swag or to purchase yard signs. If you Chapter is holding Safety & Ed classes, contact S & E Coordinator John Anderson to obtain key chains for the students. The key chains are not to given away as swag!

Upcoming regional events:

- NE Region Meeting, Sunday June 4, 12PM, River Park Moose, all are welcome.
- Book Run, Ongoing, Will County Chapter
- Topless Tour, Saturday June 10, 8:30 AM, New Lenox American Legion, South Suburban Chapter
- Spring Fling, Saturday June 24, 12PM, Chet's Melody Lounge, Justice, Chicago Chapter
- Walneck's Swap Meet, Sunday June 25 8AM, Woodstock Fairgrounds, Northern Illinois Chapter
- Bikini Bike Wash, Saturday July 15, 11AM, Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, DuKane Chapter



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

No Article Submitted

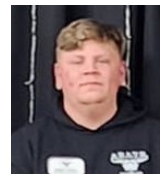
## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

No Article Submitted



## WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: APRIL JONES

No article submitted.



## NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: ROBERT RUDDELL

No article submitted.

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## SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB STOUT

By the time you get this you've probably ridden your motorcycle a few times already this year. I know I have, just not as much as I'd like. I'd like to tell everyone about some success we had earlier this year. In early April there usually isn't a lot going on with motorcycle related events but one of the first event's in this area is a ride to Moonshine Illinois and we planned to set up the State raffle bikes outside there and sell tickets on two consecutive weekends. In the past we have done OK (not great but OK) selling tickets at this location.

Unfortunately, this year the first weekend we planned to set up was the weekend a tornado outbreak passed through the area it did a lot of damage. The damage wasn't at Moonshine itself but it wasn't that far away. Because of the weather we ended up not setting up there that weekend.

Fortunately, since we knew the bikes and trailer were going to be in the area we had contacted a local American Legion and on Monday they let us set up a display by their front door to sell the tickets. Monday was the day they held their weekly "Queen of Hearts Drawing". A "Queen of Hearts Drawing" is a gambling promotion held by the local veterans' clubs' as a fundraiser and in some instances they can raise a good bit of money doing it. It also draws in people who like to gamble. As the pot gets bigger the number of people who attend the drawing also grows. We had gotten their early enough set up near the front door and sales weren't too bad.

The next day was Queen of Hearts Drawing day at the local VFW. They also let us set up in their parking lot (ABATE has a good relationship with local veteran's organizations). Their drawing had been won recently so their prize pot wasn't that big but we still sold some more tickets there.

While we were selling tickets at the American legion, the Commander from an American Legion in a neighboring town invited us to set up and sell tickets at their weekly "Queen of Hearts Drawing" on Wednesday so... We set up at their club too. It was cold and windy that day so they allowed us to set at a table inside (we left the prizes on display outside). They had a really good turnout out and we were able to set a bunch of tickets that day.

The next weekend we did set up in Moonshine Indiana and while the weather was a little cool there were some people there and we sold even more tickets there. When we returned the Bike raffle trailer to Howard Nation, we had sold well over double the number of tickets we thought we were going to sell.

This won't work for everyone because it costs ABATE money to transport the bikes from town to town but we were lucky and all of the clubs were within a short driving distance. Still, if the bike raffle trailer will be in your area you might think about doing something like this.

Bobby



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**JUST BECAUSE THE OTHER GUY IS AT FAULT IS NO REASON TO TURN YOUR CLAIM OVER TO HIS INSURANCE COMPANY - HERE IS WHY**

Hugh Harvey, long time member and mover- shaker of Freedom Valley Chapter in Illinois just called with a problem in that he has been acting as a claims adjuster - urged on by his insurance company to go after the other guy's insurance company no less. You know; calling and getting estimates, debating the amount of repairs to his vehicle etc, fault, rental car, etc. He has been dealing with the adverse insurance company, Allstate who is putting him through the ringer with requests. He obtained the repair estimates and chose the cheap one to save the insurance company money, but that did not count. Insurance guys are tough. Their goal is not to pay you one penny more than required. It is not a fair fight with an insurance company adjuster unless you have that experience. Hugh says they have a list of items they want him to do. Do you know what I said to Hugh? "STOP". And immediately turn this over to YOUR insurance company as that is what you hired them to do. Afterall they are experienced in settling claims and you are not.

Hugh had full coverage with Farmers. That did not do him much good as the adjuster told him to send his claim to the other side and handle the claim on his own - wrong. Hugh has a contract ( they call it an insurance policy) with Farmers that says they will do that work and resolve the claim. They will be the adjuster and resolve the claim with an experienced trained adjuster. After all, they have a right to collect the amount they pay Hugh from AllState - the adverse insurance company. That right is called subrogation.

Hugh paid good money to his insurer to avoid turning himself into an adjuster with no experience and sent to do battle with the adverse experienced adjuster. I am surprised that his insurance company allowed that to happen as they are a good insurance company and normally would not expose an insured like Hugh to the devices and experience of an adverse adjuster. I realize many companies are shorthanded but that is no excuse for not doing what they have agreed to do with their insureds like Hugh and that is evaluate his loss and pay him - now! And provide a rental car that he can get into! Then, they can go after the bad guys where it will be a fair fight - experienced adjuster vs. experienced adjuster. That is what Hugh paid for when he bought his insurance policy - nothing less.

**INSTRUCTOR RICHARD OVERBEY AND SPECIAL NOTICES REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

Richard Overbey, long time and well known instructor at our

Evansville site called regarding an improperly marked curve in Gibson County. That improperly marked curve caused Richard to miss the turn, trashing his bike and himself. Fortunately, he is ok now but still irritated that the county maintenance crew did not follow road protocol in marking the curve properly. Good thing because Richard's claim is lost because of timing and lack of a special notice to the governmental entities involved. Here is the problem and the reason Richard wanted me to write about this issue so this does not happen to you.

Some states have special notice requirements before you can make a negligence claim for losses caused by a governmental entity - meaning the state, county, city, town etc. SO BEWARE. My advice is that if you have such a case, call us immediately after the incident. The notices can be tricky and if some of the information required is missing the "entities" can deny your claim. The one I dislike the most is the requirement of mailing. In some states you can't simply drop your notice in the mailbox. It has to be sent special or does not count. See a summary below, but check with us before you rely on any such dates as they are subject to change anytime the legislature is in session. And remember that a session is a dangerous time for us mere citizens and as Mark Twain asserted, "when congress is in session, no American is safe."

Here is a summary for you.

STATE OF INDIANA - TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY DAYS (270)

CITIES AND TOWNS IN INDIANA - ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS (180)

STATE OF ILLINOIS - ONE YEAR (365 DAYS)

CITIES AND TOWNS - ONE YEAR (365 DAYS)

Call us for claims against Townships, School Systems. Villages and other governmental entities.

**PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR HEALTHCARE CLAIMS**

We often assume these big corporate health insurance companies have refined processes that manage our claims consistently and correctly every time. But here's the thing: they're not perfect and they don't always get it right. When health insurance companies get it wrong, it can result in a big bill being sent to you when it should've been paid by them. The last thing we all need is to have to spend time policing our own health insurance, but unfortunately, that is exactly what we should do to ensure these companies keep their promises.

My experience is that once I hit my deductible, claims processed after that point seem more likely to be labeled "out-of-network" even when the provider and facility were actually in-network, or labeled "not medically necessary" when it was medically necessary.

I've even had the experience of a covered in-network claim being applied to coinsurance after I'd already hit my in-network out-of-pocket maximum, yet my in-network out-of-pocket

claims calculator failed to include this claim anywhere in my claims calculation. This resulted in a \$2,400+ medical bill being sent to me when it should have been 100% covered by insurance.

The first person I spoke with at the insurance company did not understand the issue. I called again, and the second person I spoke with understood exactly what I was talking about, so if you don't succeed the first time, try again with a different person. It took several calls and emails, several different people, and about a 60-day time period, but my health insurance acknowledged their mistake and paid the bill.

Moral of the story: big corporate companies make mistakes so you should check their work.

## MOTORCYCLE NATION

**Q.** Was the first land race at the Indy 500 with motorcycles? ABATE MEMBER

**A.** The year 1909 was a time when there were no cars, generally speaking. Just trains, horses, bicycles and most significantly motorcycles. For a biker that meant almost nothing to watch out for other than people, horses and maybe a mule or two. It was August of that year and a guy by the name of Fisher (famous as founder of the Indianapolis 500, Miami Beach and Presto-Lite) was holding the first race at the Indy 500; it was a motorcycle race. William Harley and Walter Davidson were there along with their chief line foreman, and everybody that was anybody in motorcycling.

How do I know this? While at the Indy Motorcycle Expo, I took in the Old Timers area. There, the old flat trackers, hill climbers, and Daytona veterans were in force. Some bring artifacts from the glory days, like Kenny Staughton. For the last several decades the equivalent of the painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence to motorcyclists has hung above Kenny's living room couch. It is one of those seven-foot-long - one-foot-high brown-toned photographs of old. The photograph looks North on Indy's Meridian Street from the base of Monument Circle (The past site of the Motorcycles on Meridian). Positioned on about a third of the Circle are 250 motorcycles. I can identify two cylinder Indians and one cylinder Harleys. In those days Harley was not into speed, but endurance as gas was expensive and hard to get - no gas stations. The Indian was into speed, so two races were to happen. One was the speed race at the Indy 500 and the other was an endurance race starting in Cleveland, down to Columbus, over to Dayton, then to Richmond, passing just below Sky Castle Airport, through Rushville and finally to Indy. Bill Harley and Walter Davidson won the endurance race and came together with the Indy racers for the photograph. I can identify William Harley and Walter Davidson and the Harley Davidson factory foreman - I think. Or at least that is my story and I'm sticking to it. Thought about having a contest and naming it "Where's Walter" after the kid game.

What is striking about the photo is there are no cars in the

photo - well maybe a lonely handmade Buick, but that is about it. Around the sea of motorcycles are horse and carriages and a bicycle or two. In 1909 we were truly a motorcycle nation. Not till 1912 when Henry Ford implemented the assembly line in Detroit City did that change. Bob Schulteti of Harley South-Side believes that Motorcycle Nation existed into the late teens before there were enough cars to make a difference and cause two wheelers problems.

While admiring Kenny's photograph, I wondered aloud where the motorcyclists got gas, since there were no cars- no gas stations? Bob Schulteti knew the answer - drug stores. Imagine - a land before gas stations and no place to get a Big Gulp.

Kenny allowed us to copy his living room treasure. Next time you are in my office, take the time to gaze at a photograph that captured a time when America was a "motorcycle nation" - with not one gas station.

**Ride Safe.**

**Rod Taylor**

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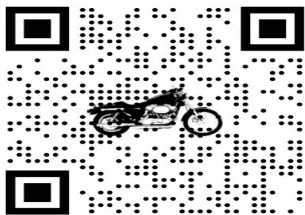
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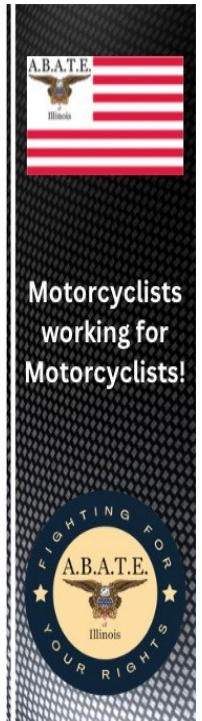
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June 2-4	Leaf River	Leaf River Daze	ABATE Awareness
June 9-11	Darlington WI	Lafayette County Fair	Stock Car Races
June 17	Marseilles	Downtown	Freedom Run
June 22-25	Lanark	Crooked Roof	Bike Night & Old Settler Day
July 1-2	Stockton	Corner Tap	ABATE Awareness
July 4,	Stockton	Memorial Park	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration
July 7-9	Freeport	Downtown	Tutty Baker
July 16	Plano	American Legion	Car Show
July 20-22	Freeport	Big O's on the Hallow	ABATE Awareness
July 25-28	Freeport	Fair Grounds	Stephenson County Fair
July 29	Sandwich	Downtown	Car Show
July 30	Sycamore	Downtown	Car Show
Aug 4-5	Forreston	City Park	Sauerkraut Day
August 6-11	Belvidere	Fairgrounds	Boone County Fair
August 12-13,	Mendota	Downtown	Sweetcorn Festival
August 16-20	Fairbury	Fairgrounds	Fairbury Fair
August 25-27	Tonica	Downtown	Jeep Jam & Car Show
Sept 1-3	Springfield	State Fairgrounds	Springfield Mile

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



# NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport  
Chapter

Welcome to summer. Hopefully everyone has T-Clocked their bike and had had some “Knees in the Breeze”.

A quick get well to our President, Dan Bragg, and our VP, Buzz Bolen. They both had emergency heart surgery within days of each other. Buzz has also had another heart attack since his surgery. Both are home now and doing good. Lin Feller broke his elbow in a pedal bike crash.

The Chapter had it's annual Memorial Ride on May 13, 2023. It was chilly and cold, but no rain. This is our first official ride of the year and we had 34 people sign up and 1 new member sign up and ride for free. As of this writing I don't have the names of the winners.

The Chapter has a lot of events planned for this summer starting with the Memorial Day Parade. Check our Facebook page for info on lineup place and time. June 3 is a burger run to the Junction House in Monroe, WI at 6pm. Then on June 4<sup>th</sup> there is a Bike Blessing in Fulton, IL. This is not a Chapter event, but is sponsored by District 21 ABATE of Iowa, and is a nice down the River to Fulton and they go all out with a Sunday afternoon Street Party. There are a few vendors, a beer garden, music, 50/50 raffle, and a bike blessing. They are also doing a food drive, so if you stop for gas grab a couple of cans of some thing to donate. As far as I know this is a free event. June 14 is our officer's meeting at Big O's at 6pm. Our Chapter meeting is at Riviera Park, 4513 Crane's Grove Road in Freeport at 12:30pm. BYOB and snacks. We have a building to use if it rains, but otherwise it is outside. June 21-25 is our STATE RENDEZVOUS in Petersburg, IL. Again, check our Facebook page or website for more info. The next weekend,

June 28-July 2 is ABATE of Iowa's Freedom Rally in Algona, IA. July 22 is our “Bark at the Moon” Ride. We are starting the ride earlier this year because all us “Old Fogies” have an early bedtime. LOL. Really it's because most of us are no longer into long rides in the dark. July 29 is our NW Region Convergence Ride. More info on this ride next time or check your flyer in the Soft-Tale. June 19 is Ride Your Bike to Work Day. All you have to do is ride your bike to work. We are also setting up a group Ride to Anamosa, IA to the Motorcycle Museum. The Museum will be permanently closing at the end of this season. We also have our Mann-iac Books for sale. \$15 for 24 stops and a summer full of neat places to go.

Cleaver has a lot of dates set up for the Bike Raffle Display. At most of these he will have the bikes on site. He can use some help setting up, manning the booth, and tearing down. Even if you can't stay all day stop in for an hour or two. Bring him a bottle of water, or give him a potty break. His hard work along with a few Chapter members makes the Freeport Chapter #2 in the state for selling tickets. If you would like to buy or sell tickets get in touch with Cleaver and he will set you up.

Cleaver also set up our Display for “May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.” For the past few years the display has been set up at the Stephenson County Visitor's Center. That has closed. This year We set up in the Freeport Lincoln Mall. Thank you to Eastland Motor Sports, Full Throttle Power Sports, Freeport Honda Kawasaki for lending us an UTV, an SUV, and bikes. Thanks also to Larry Clark for always being there to help Cleaver. Cleaver also managed to get our May is Motorcycle Awareness Month banner across Stephenson Street in downtown Freeport.

Rebecca Snider



Twin  
Rivers  
Chapter

TWIN RIVERS ABATE

Great news from the MRF- Ford sent NHTSA a letter informing them they have decided NOT to deploy up to 2500 autonomous vehicles” each year as they feel they are not ready to be safely operated on the roads. Hopefully some of the other major vehicle manufacturers will follow suit. As I predicted, we did have a great turnout for our Swap Meet in February. The weather was wonderful which always helps (way to call it Jennifer!). As usual we helped the vendors unload when they arrived and if we had time we did the same when they left. I got some great buys and happily sold out pretty quickly. I think all the other vendors did well too. Our President, along with his wife Maria and Odie presented Marty from WLLT a certificate of appreciation for all the support from the radio to Twin Rivers. It helps get the word out to the community on safety and education and other concerns we have as motorcyclists. John, Odie, Kevin & Jennifer attended State Representative Fritz's Open House in

Dixon. He is very supportive of issues that ABATE is concerned with. We hope to work with him in the future.

Our April meeting is the 16th at Nick's Tap in Rock Falls. The June 11th meeting will be at Ecky's in Wyanet. Both meetings begin at 1 pm.

Spring is here! Watch for winter potholes and loose gravel.  
Kat





Open  
Roads  
Chapter

## OPEN ROADS ABATE

More and more people seem to be riding every day and the weekends

are packed with things to do, places to go, and the roar of lots of bikes. Do be careful of loose gravel especially with all the construction going on and slow-moving farm vehicles on the road.

**Membership** - Congrats to our members renewing their dues. We need YOU to retain our many freedoms of riding. YOUR voice joins with OURS to make our voices heard. Benefits with your ABATE membership includes patches, legislative updates, \$3000 insurance policy, and a legal will (value \$400) created by our Legal Team.

Our **treasurer Sally Kolb** is outstanding in her role as our treasurer for Open Roads. She always has our accounts balanced, a current report of income and expenses at each meeting, 990s filed on time, and being responsible for deposits and paying expenses. Our **membership coordinator Bill Kolb** keeps our membership list up to date, sends timely renewal notices, and our chapter has grown by 50% during his years in this leadership capacity. Great job and thanks, Sally and Bill.

**Summer Book 2023** – books are selling as fast as we are printing them. We printed 480 books and have 15 left plus any that may be available at several of our stops. The stops who have books are listed on the Open Roads ABATE Facebook page. If you have a book, how many stamps do you have? Have you been to a place you may never have been before? You have 4 months to visit these places and get into the cash drawing on October 7. Reminder - One of the bonus stops – Farm Friends – has specific dates to get your stamp – June 11, July 9, and August 13.

**Motorcycle Awareness Month** was May but we all know that every month/every day is motorcycle awareness. 17 city mayors, village president, and township supervisors have signed proclamations and promoted that May is Motorcycle Awareness month. All municipalities were very kind and receptive working together for Motorcycle Awareness. Articles were submitted to newspapers, radio station, Facebook web page, individual pages, and electronic signs regarding Motorcycle Awareness, safety, education, and training.

**Dinner Ride, May 3** – rode to Rambo’s Bar & Grill in Somonauk and enjoyed supper with friends and also got a stamp in our Summer Book. Our great road captain, Diana, designed a great backroads route that we enjoyed before dinner.

**ABATE Freedom Rally, May 7** – [joined with many bikers from all around Illinois as we joined together to take our stand for motorcycle rights](#). We gathered at the IDOT parking lot and rode to the Capitol.

**Summer Book Ride, May 13** – first group ride for the season, met at Southern Belle’s in Yorkville for breakfast and rode to Woodstock, Waterford, Hebron, and Pingree Grove for the day. Enjoyed a 200 mile ride with friends and got 5 stamps in our Summer Book.

**Dinner Ride, May 17** – met at Plano American Legion, rode to Maddie’s Place in Leland, enjoyed supper with friends, and got a stamp in our Summer Book.

**Windshield Washing, May 20** – project for Motorcycle Aware-

ness Month, washed windshields at Plano BP at 204 E. South Street for our Motorcycle Awareness Project.

**Radio Sponsorship for Veterans** – WSPY Radio included Open Roads ABATE as a sponsor promoting and remembering our veterans during May. In return for sponsorship fee, Open Roads was also promoted in 24 time slots during the last two weeks of May.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

**Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run** – meet at Silver Dollar in Yorkville at 7:30 am with KSU 8:30 am on Saturday, June 17, and ride to Grundy County Fairgrounds in Morris to line up in parade to the Middle East Conflict Memorial Wall in Marseilles. \$20 per person to support our troops and remember and honor all those heroes who have fallen. There will be a ceremony at noon at the Wall.

**A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. State Party** – meet at Star 34 in Sandwich at 8 am on June 24 with KSU 9 am. Ride to County Fairgrounds near Petersburg, IL. A great time, seeing old friends, making new friends, sharing ideas. Live music Friday and Saturday nights, vendors, adult entertainment, bike games, bike show, chapter challenges, and much more. Must be 18 years old and an A.B.A.T.E. member (memberships available at the gate) to attend.

**Dinner Ride to Lee’s Place** in Sandwich on June 28. Meet at Plano Legion at 6 pm.

**Park cars for City of Plano fireworks event** on June 30. Be at Plano High School at 6:30 pm to work with City of Plano officials and Plano Police Department.



**Vietnam Moving Wall** – Members from Open Roads will be assisting the motorcycle escort of the Vietnam Moving Wall coming to the area on June 30. They are hoping for a thousand bikes at this event. Staging area is at Laraway Lanes in New Lenox to escort the Wall to Wabash Parking Lot, North and Wabash Streets in Manhattan with KSU 8 am.

**Next Meeting** – Our June meeting will be on Sunday, June 25, 6 pm, Plano American Legion.

**Upcoming events** include Car Shows, Progressive Dinner, and more. Come to a meeting, event, check out our Facebook page or call Cliff (630) 552-3828 or Patti (815) 498-6025 if you have questions, events, updates, or suggestions. Be safe...Ride Safe.



Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity

**Pictures:**  
Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness was signed by Oswego Village President Troy Parlier (left) with Open Roads Activities Coordinator Kevin Smith and Open Roads President Cliff Oleson.



Some Open Roads ABATE members who attended the Awareness Rally on May 7 – Dan Kazmer, Nickie Warmac, Kevin & Patti Smith, Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Tracey Supan, Frank Lorang, and “Stretch” from Rolling Thunder.



**Starved  
Rock  
Chapter**

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

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

We had our Spring Fling Saturday May 6, 2023 at Jack's Tap in Spring Valley. There was a brief meeting at 5pm. There was a chicken buffet that 45 attendees and the band members enjoyed! Thanks to Activities Officer Marci Hebert for planning the event! Southern Breeze was the entertainment. Everyone seemed to enjoy the music and many were on the dance floor at times! Thanks to Cathy Green and Jerry Sexton for drawing tickets for door prizes. Joe Hebert won the membership drawing and donated \$40.00 to the chapter! Thanks Joe! MRF drawing winners were Cathy Green and Laurie Jackson.

On Sunday May 7, 2023 we had a booth at the Blessing of the Bikes at Stonehead Leather in Utica. There were two ceremonies. It was great weather and there were hundreds of bikes at the ceremonies. Thanks to Kurt Downie for going out in the crowd to sell State Bike Raffle Tickets! Stonehead is owned by Starved Rock ABATE members Keith and Darsi Arwood. Stop in to see what they have to offer! You will find all kinds of leather goods, jewelry, clothing, etc!

Starved Rock Chapter had 12 members attend the ABATE of Illinois Freedom Rally in Springfield to help bring awareness to Motorcycles on the rode. The run started at the IDOT building parking lot in Springfield and ended at the State Capitol.

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

Sunday June 4th Membership Run will begin at Blue Collar Bikes in Spring Valley. Registration begins at 9am. Blue Collar Bikes will be providing breakfast pizzas. Registration begins at 9AM. It is \$20.00 per person to ride which includes a free meal at the end of the run. If someone signs up as a new member of ABATE at the run the entry free for the run is waived! Kick-stands up at 10:30 AM. Questions? Call or text 815-866-9579.

Meeting Sunday June 11th at Smitty's Tap in Leonore. We will meet under the pavilion. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open.

Saturday June 17th Membership Booth and State Bike Raffle Tickets at the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run Marseilles. The event starts at the Grundy County fairgrounds in Morris and concludes at the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial in Marseilles. Donations from the event help with the cost of adding the names of our Fallen Heroes on the Memorial Wall as well as

assist veterans along with families. Visit the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run Facebook page to keep updated on the latest happenings or visit the website [@MIDDLEEASTCONFLICTSWALLMEMORIAL.ORG](http://@MIDDLEEASTCONFLICTSWALLMEMORIAL.ORG)

Starved Rock Chapter will have a membership booth and State bike raffle tickets for sale downtown Marseilles.

Meeting Sunday July 2 at Skoonerz Bar in Princeton. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open. Skoonerz is owned by Starved Rock ABATE members Jolene and Keith Brown.

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

You may follow Starved Rock ABATE on Facebook!

Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Officer





# NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



**Will  
County  
Chapter**

Thanks to everyone who attended our May meeting and a big welcome to our new members! As a reminder,

we will plan to have a small and informal meet up on the Sunday's following the monthly meetings -weather permitting. The details for the Sunday events will be discussed at the monthly meetings and shared on our Facebook page, feel free to reach out if you need the details. The 2023 Book Run event is well underway, so get out there and get those stamps! A HUGE thanks to the City of Joliet, the City of Crest Hill, the Village of Channahon, and the Will County Executive for supporting "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month" with their proclamations. Our collaborative efforts with these local government bodies highlights the efforts of the Will County Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois and reminds every one of our com-

mitments to promote motorcycle safety, education, and awareness in our communities.

## Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events-

June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, & August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm- monthly meeting, Stone City V.F.W Post 2199.

August 26<sup>th</sup> – Hooters & Scooters Run, more details to come.

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

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

Amanda Kelley



**Northern  
Illinois  
Chapter**

Northern Illinois and DuKane chapters participated in the Walneck Swap Meet held on April 23rd at the McHenry County Fairgrounds. We had a booth set up to sell bike raffle tickets and promote membership in our organization. A couple (whose names I forgot) approached us, took an application and indicated they were former members of McHenry ABATE a few years back. Not having heard of the chapter I inquired with Pauli to see how long ago that chapter existed, it was more than twenty years ago! Hopefully this couple rejoins ABATE of Illinois and the Northern Illinois chapter.

As part of our effort to support other chapters in our region, Kevin, Barbara, Jim and Rich attended Kenosha ABATE's Soup and Dessert Cook-off mid day April 29. John, Rich and Diane attended Will County's anniversary party at Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon in the evening. A good time was had by all, we look forward to attending upcoming regional events.

Northern is looking for an EZ Up to protect members from the elements and add visibility for our chapter when we attend events. Thanks to Chris with DuKane and Sam with Open Roads chapters who have provided info as to where they got theirs. Our purchase will be made shortly.

We began planning our spring 2024 Chili Cook-off with a change in venue agreed upon. Look for more details in future articles.

Our next chapter meetings to be held at Doyle's Pub are:

Saturday June 24, 11 AM

Saturday July 22, 11 AM

Come visit us at Walneck's Swap Meet Sunday June 25, 8 AM - 2 PM.

## Wanted: Abate of Illinois Chapter T-Shirts

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

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

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

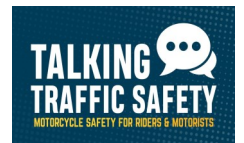
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**For questions please contact Rich Gruner at 847.533.8349.**

**Deadline September 16, 2023**



**ABATE of Illinois  
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Hello from DuKane ABATE!

Welcome to June and we hope you all have gotten out and rode some great wind therapy miles. We certainly have!

May was a great month for DuKane ABATE! Motorcycle Awareness Proclamations were coming in left and right. We want to thank DuPage County, Kane County, Wayne Township, Village of Elburn, City of Batavia, City of Geneva, City of St. Charles, City of Elgin, and others for making May Motorcycle Awareness Month in DuPage and Kane County and bringing awareness to motorcyclists!

We also had a great time with events! Biker Sunday and Warehouse Church in Aurora was welcoming as always. It was a great time to socialize, worship, and talk about DuKane ABATE. Thank you to Randy Schoof for welcoming us to this event every year and helping us spread the word! On May 13<sup>th</sup> we had Motorcycle Awareness Day in both Dupage and Kane County with members and Elected Officials at intersections letting motorists know to put down their cell phones and **START SEEING MOTORCYCLES!** Some of the Elected Officials that attended were State Representative Jennifer Sanalitra, DuPage County Sheriff Jim Mendrick, State Representative Stephanie Kifowit, Elburn Mayor Jeff Walter, State Representative Barbara Hernandez, and Hanover Park Mayor Rodney Craig. Thank you to the DuPage County Sheriff's Department, Kane County Sheriff's Department, Carol Stream Police Department, and Elburn Police Department for teaming up with us to enforce distracted driving laws. And then, on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> DuKane ABATE teamed up with The Sycamore Speedway and brought back AMA Motorcycle Racing for the first time in 34 years! It was an awesome action-packed weekend filled with motorcycle racing. Big thanks to Winner's Circle Bar & Grill, Knuckleheads Tavern, and Law Tigers for sponsoring this awesome event! And THANK YOU to all the Board Members and membership that volunteered with us at these events and for all the hard work done. Fine work by Events Officer Chris Newman.

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

DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash on July 15<sup>th</sup>

Project Seth #Sethtastic Motorecycle Run on July 22<sup>nd</sup>

37th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run on October 8<sup>th</sup>

Next up in those events is the DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Knuckleheads Tavern in Elburn, IL from 11a-3p. Come on out and get your motorcycles washed by the DuKane Santa Girls for only \$10 and grab some lunch from Knuckleheads. This is always a great event to come out and have some fun and great motorcyclist camaraderie!

On Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, Batavia Police responded to an accident where Luis Aca-Osorio was driving drunk and killed a motorcyclist. Aca-Osorio has been charged with Aggravated DUI Causing Death of Another, Reckless Homicide, and Driving under the influence. He received a \$500,000 bond (\$1,000,000 was asked for) with 10% to apply. He is not allowed to consume alcohol, no driving without a valid driver's license, and max conditions. DuKane ABATE is watching this closely and talking with Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser regularly as Aca-Osorio killed one of our brothers and needs to be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Make sure to join us on June 20<sup>th</sup> for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. These meetings are incredibly important to attend as you will hear reports from all DuKane BOD Officers, and you will keep up to date on what is happening with motorcyclists' rights in DuPage and Kane County in 2023.

Until next month,  
Ride Safe – Ride Free  
Chris Hansen  
DuKane Chapter of ABATE of Illinois President  
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**THE DUKANE ABATE 37TH ANNUAL TOY AND FOOD RUN**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8, 2023

DO NOT MISS YOUR CHANCE BE A PART OF ONE OF THE **BIGGEST MOTORCYCLE EVENTS IN ILLINOIS!**

BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY AND NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM

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

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

**FULLY ESCORTED RIDE TO SYCAMORE SPEEDWAY**

**MOCK STAR ROCKS THE MAIN STAGE**

BURNOUT CONTEST. GREAT FOOD. VENDORS. REFRESHMENTS. 50/50. MOTORCYCLE PEOPLE FRIENDSHIP AND FUN

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**South Suburban Chapter**

South Suburban Members, at least I hope that you are enjoying riding with the wind and enjoying the freedoms afforded due to all the efforts A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois has challenged on your behalf.

With freedom of the road on everyone's mind, "SHOULD WE FIGHT TO KEEP OUR CHAPTER?" Do you realize all that is at stake in today's legislative arena and the potential of creating an environment of major negative consequences? Please take time to read "Ski" Josh's legislative narrative at the beginning of the State Newsletter. Make that article a mandatory read every month – without fail – keep yourself informed of the fact that many of these Senate and/or House Bills can negatively affect the motorcycle community.

We are all volunteers for our chapter to function as a viable organization. So, please contact your chapter officers/coordinators and participate in our ...

**SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAPTER OF A.B.A.T.E. OF IL**

# TOPLESS TOUR

**SAT JUNE 10, 2023**

50/50 DRAWING

SS-ABATE.ORG

Meetings 3rd Thursday each month 7:00 pm at Glen Maker American Legion Post #1160 10739 Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL

FOOD & MUSIC

**What is the Topless Tour?**  
More than 20 years ago, ABATE of Illinois successfully fought against the mandatory helmet law. The South Suburban Chapter's Topless Tour pays tribute to the victory to let riders decide.

Join the end of ride party at 4pm for food, music & fun!

**CASH ONLY!**  
REGISTRATION FEE \$25 Rider, \$10 Passenger  
PARTY & FOOD ONLY \$10 (Ride includes meal)

Ride Starts and Ends at  
**NEW LENOX AMERICAN LEGION**  
14414 FORD DR., NEW LENOX, IL  
Register 8:30 - 9:45 am - KSU 10:00 am, Last Bike in 3:00 pm

Sponsored in part by  
**LAW TIGERS MOTORCYCLE LAWYERS**  
www.lawtigers.com

This year's ride is approx. 100 miles long  
Questions? Call Nick 708.442.0766 or Charlie 630.880.5232

Saturday, June 10, 2023  
TOPLESS TOUR RUN  
American Legion Post 1977  
14414 Ford Drive  
New Lenox, IL

Even if you don't ride anymore come for the food, music, and comradery. The American Legion Post #1977 in New Lenox is a wonderful host site, and the accommodations are superb. This is a dual achievement endeavor, chapter support and alliance with a veteran association. Many of our ABATE members are veterans as well as lifetime motorcyclist enthusiasts. Come out and show your allegiance to ABATE and Veterans.

Your input at meetings is wanted and encouraged.

Chapter Membership meeting is on...  
**Thursday, June 15, at 7:00p.m. SHARP**  
**South Suburban A.B.A.T.E.**  
American Legion Post #1160  
10739 S Ridgeland Avenue  
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

Freedom of choice,  
Daisy Pérez  
Chapter President



Your South Suburban Chapter members have been quite busy picking up proclamations from various towns, most recently from the Mayors & Village Boards of Mokena, Forest View, and Plainfield. Aside from getting the word out about the South Suburban Chapter by attending various events, members have been promoting and working on the "Topless Tour", which by now would have already been held on Saturday, June 10th at the New Lenox American Legion. Our chapter is also brainstorming on future AWESOME Chapter Events. SO JOIN US AT A MEETING and bring your IDEAS!!



Nick Savas, SS-IL Public Relations & Activities Coordinator, and Patricia Carrera, SS-IL Member at the Mokena Town Hall Meeting receiving the Proclamation from Village President/Mayor Frank Fleischer & Village Trustees



Nick & Patricia receiving the Proclamation from Forest View Village President Nancy Miller & Village Trustees



Nick and Deb Scinto, SS-IL Member, with Justified MC Director Jorge Ioeza at their Veteran's Benefit Promoting South Suburban Chapter's Upcoming "Topless Tour" on June 10th



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

**ATTENTION: LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS** to add input and build our chapter back up to our previous number of active members attending our meetings & events. Please attend a meeting, reach out to your Board, find us on Facebook and let us hear from you!! We will continue participating in various events in the motorcycle community. We are working on holding more exciting events – but WE NEED YOUR HELP & INPUT!!

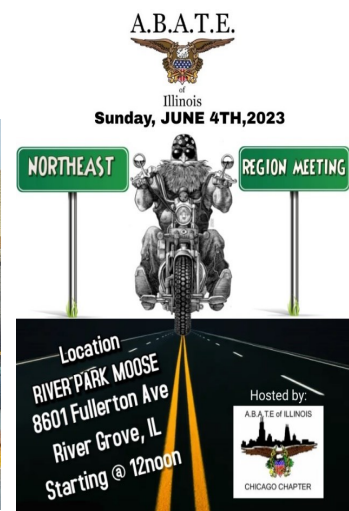
Your South Suburban Chapter meets: Every Month on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm sharp at the Glen Maker American Legion Post #1160, 10739 S. Ridgeland Avenue in Chicago Ridge.



Wow as soon as you know Summer will be upon us! The smells of grilling is in the air & the sound of pipes rumble by.

As you ride your iron horse be very mindful of the road conditions. As many of us have encountered many roads get covered with grass clippings and yard debris from folks working on their yards. These items on the road can be very DANGEROUS for bikes. SO BE VERY CAREFUL!

On April 30<sup>th</sup> Chicago A.B.A.T.E hosted our Annual Motorcycle Awareness Run. We met up at Dunkin Donuts in Franklin Park. Chicago A.B.A.T.E President PJ presented awards to clubs for their 100% Membership participation, he also recognized members that have gone over & beyond the call of duty for the chapter & organization. Thanks to all that braved the elements & showed up to support such a worthy cause & Congratulations to all that received an award. The group then made their way to Thornwood's Restaurant in Wooddale, IL for lunch. A family that rides & eats together stays together!



Mark your calendars & come party it up with the members of Chicago A.B.A.T.E at our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling. There will be good food, good music, vendors, trophies, bike show & most importantly a GREAT BROTHERHOOD & SISTERHOOD. We will be once again at the famous "Chets Melody Lounge". Chet's Melody Lounge has been in the same family for generations with its current owners Rich and Barb Prusinski. Paranormal activity has been witnessed by the owners, staff and patrons on a regular basis with a range of activities from hearing phantom children laughing and playing to full-on apparitions. Chet's Melody Lounge is located across the street from the famous Resurrection Cemetery (home of Resurrection Mary) at 7400 Archer Avenue in Justice, Illinois.



Make sure to join us at the next Northeast Region ABATE of Illinois meeting hosted by yours truly Chicago A.B.A.T.E!

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

State Newsletter Coordinator

Joy Lugo

Check out our website [chicagoabate.com](http://chicagoabate.com)



# EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



**Liberty Chapter**

June is here and we are in full on riding season. June also brings many events throughout Illinois, including of course YOUR ABATE of Illinois state party! This year it is being held June 22-25 at the Menard County Fairgrounds in Petersburg. There is a full schedule of events and some real kick ass bands lined up. How about come on out and enjoy the weekend with your fellow ABATE members and friends? Tickets in advance are only 30 bucks, you would be hard pressed to find a better entertainment value. Tickets can be purchased online at [abate-il.org](http://abate-il.org) or through your Liberty chapter.

Since we are all riding more during this summer season, how about a taking advantage of one of the classes offered through the Cycle Rider Safety Training Program? Classes are offered throughout the summer and include basic, refresher, and advanced classes. As someone who recently attended one of these classes, it is well worth the time to be tested on your skills. You never know what you don't know until some one else critiques your riding and points out the bad habits you might have picked up. Or simply to practice those

maneuvers you don't use on every ride. You will have a long day of riding, practicing maneuvers, stopping, swerving, and you will be tested at the end, and graded. But the effort is well worth and you will come away with knowing what you did not know. Did I mention they are free? How is that for a deal. CRST, brought to you at no cost by ABATE of IL. Go to [startseeingmotorcycles.org](http://startseeingmotorcycles.org) for scheduling and to sign up.

Chapter news- Events, there be a plenty coming up, keep up on the happenings and real time updates on our Facebook page at Liberty Abate. Schedule changes and updates will be posted there first, so check in often to see what is happening. Our June monthly meeting is June 11. June 17 is the next BOD meeting in Springfield. Meetings are open to any member in good standing.

Our website is [libertyabate.org](http://libertyabate.org). The website for Abate at the state is [abate-il.org](http://abate-il.org), where you can check on your membership, renew, see this newsletter, and events around the state.

Joel Wannemacher



**Eastern Illinois Chapter**

## EASTERN ILLINOIS ABATE 2023 MOTORCYCLE RODEO

July 22, 2023 Sign in noon to 1PM

MILLIES—LAKE OF THE WOODS BAR AND LIQUOR  
204 S PRAIRIE VIEW RD, MAHOMET IL

\$5 entry per bike

BIKES MUST BE STREET LEGAL

Food available for purchase



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OR ALAN ZEHR 217-643-7374

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### Events

#### KEG ROLL

1 UP, BIKE OR TRIKE

#### SLOW RIDE

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#### WEENIE BITE

2 UP, BIKE ONLY

#### POLO

2 UP, BIKE ONLY

#### ROUND & ROUND

1 UP, BIKE ONLY

#### GOLF BALL ON CONE

1 UP, BIKE ONLY

#### BOOT RACE

1 UP, BIKE OR TRIKE

#### LADDER BALL

2 UP, BIKE OR TRIKE

# DINOSORES MC

AND



PRESENTS

THE ANNUAL

# DMC BIKE SHOW

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2023**



**TROPHY AND \$200 CASH  
PRIZE FOR EACH CLASS**

**STOCK    TOURING    VINTAGE    CUSTOM    PARTICIPANTS CHOICE**

**SIGN UP @ 11:00AM-1:00PM  
JUDGING STARTS @ 2:00PM  
AWARDS TO FOLLOW JUDGING  
ENTRY FEE: \$20 FOR BIKES  
SPECTATORS GET IN FREE  
LOUD PIPES CONTEST: \$10  
ENTRY (FREE WITH SHOW  
REGISTRATION)**

**THIS YEAR WE'VE DECIDED TO HOLD  
THE SHOW AT THE CLUBHOUSE**

**LOCATED AT  
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(NEXT DOOR TO PIPAS PUB)**

**\*LIVE MUSIC AND DJ \* FOOD TRUCK \* DRINKS AND GOOD TIMES \***

Worship Ice Cream Social Parade Bike Show

Awards Bike Games FeebleKnievel & the Amazing JeffyG

CMA Illinois State Rally

# Thunder Prairie

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# 2023

# LeRoy, IL 7th-9th

**Fri.** 7:00pm  
**Sat.** 2:30pm  
**Sat.** 7:00pm

Fit for a King **Band**  
Discount Rhythm Dukes **Band**  
Citizens **Band**14





Hello members, neighbors, and other friends!

As I was thinking about writing this blurb, I received my mailed copy of the ABATE News (State Paper). I looked for my article but it was not there. I checked both my sent and draft files. Somehow, I missed getting it in but did get to ride quite a bit.

On April 18th, I rode to Cowden-Herrick High School for a driver education classroom motorcycle awareness presentation. Thank you, Rick! for your help with that class. Then on April 25th, I rode to Altamont High School for classes at 8-9:22 and again at 10:49-12:12. I enjoy talking with students about sharing the road with motorcycles plus I think it is important!

I enjoyed riding and delivering mayoral proclamations to each and every city and town in Shelby County. One day I rode to Shelbyville, Windsor, and Findlay. Another day I rode to Strasburg, Stewardson, Sigel, and Cowden. And the final day, I rode to Tower Hill, Herrick, Oconee, and Moweaqua. So far, we have received all accepted proclamations but from one town and have sent them a letter requesting it. Soon we should get their copy. I'd like to think we might be just a tad safer on Shelby County roadways.

I did enjoy another ride that I can tell you about. On Sunday, May 7th, I rode to Springfield for the Freedom Rally. The weather was threatening but I encountered no rain on the entire journey. The eagle mascot was there as well as a state representative who received the coveted "Representative of the Year" vest, and of course a great group of freedom fighters.

As you can see, thanks to ABATE I have been getting a lot of wind therapy. I try to ride when I can but did use our old "Black & White" as Lisa & I participated in the "Illinois High School & College Driver Education Association" conference. I may be expanding my classroom presentations to other schools.

I want to extend a heartfelt "Thank you!" for all who dusted off their Motorcycle Awareness yard signs and planted them again. That act helps us all by reminding cagers that we are out there on the roadways. I have seen many of you out there enjoying your machines, the sunshine, and fresh air.

We aren't the only ones out there doing things for the cause. There are folks behind the scenes, but I just type what I know. I do know that life has changed for some of our offic-

ers, and they will not be able to continue to perform their duties for various reasons. Please consider volunteering and helping the cause. Please think about others that might be a good fit, whether they are old or young, and mention the need to them. The current officers and reps would love to talk with them and show them the ropes to help the motorcycling community in the future.

Once again, your current officers and reps for 2023 are:  
President- Larry (Hawkeye) Lieb - 217-774-5583  
Vice President - Ed Storm - 217-460-1155  
Treasurer - Kim Wiley - 217-820-5900  
Secretary - Lisa Best - 217-774-7809  
Membership - Sheila Cutler - 217-246-5551  
Off-Road Rep - Kyle Wilcox - 217-493-8278  
Legislative Rep - Darrell Best - 217-774-7809  
Safety-n-Ed Rep - Darrell Best - 217-774-7809  
Products - Rick Wiley - 217-820-5900  
Public Relations - OPEN  
Activities - Rick Wiley, Kevin Cutler, & Ed Storm  
Board Rep - Larry Lieb & Rick Wiley

Feel free to contact your chapter officers and reps to share your ideas. Even better yet, come to our monthly meeting of the membership. They are held at the Shelby County VFW Post 4829, 513 South Cedar Street. Until we come up with something better, the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. So, the next meeting is on Thursday, June 8th. Mark your calendar and come on out to the "W". We will probably discuss Old River's future, and can use your help... what would you like to do with Old River this year and into the future?

The State Party will be on June 22nd to 25th at the Menard County Fairgrounds in Petersburg. That could be fun! Read about the event in your state paper. Aside from reading over the State Party ads, check out Scott Carter (Scooter) Assistant State Coordinator section.

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

Bro Darrell

## WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Central Illinois Abate hopes everyone is enjoying the Spring weather. We have a ride coming up on June 3rd it's our Just Because ride sign-up is from 11 to 12:30 at Harley's Pub in Galesburg. We also have a bike show that was rescheduled from April because of weather it will be June 10th at Harley's Pub parking lot in Galesburg sign up is from 11:00 to 1:00 voting is from 1:00 to 2:00 and trophies will be handed out at 2:15. There are no categories for the bike show. We will be handing out trophies for first and second place. In July we have our chip trip to The Bash and bike nights starting back up first one will be July 7th, 7 pm - 9 pm at Twisted Sisters at the Junction of 116 and 41.

Our meetings are on the Second Sunday of every month bod is at 5:00 p.m. and the general membership meeting is at 6:00 p.m. at Harley's Pub in Galesburg Illinois. We have a Facebook page Central Illinois Abate where we post all of our events that you can check out.

Everyone, please be safe out on the roads watching for the farmers, road debris, potholes, and all the distracted drivers.

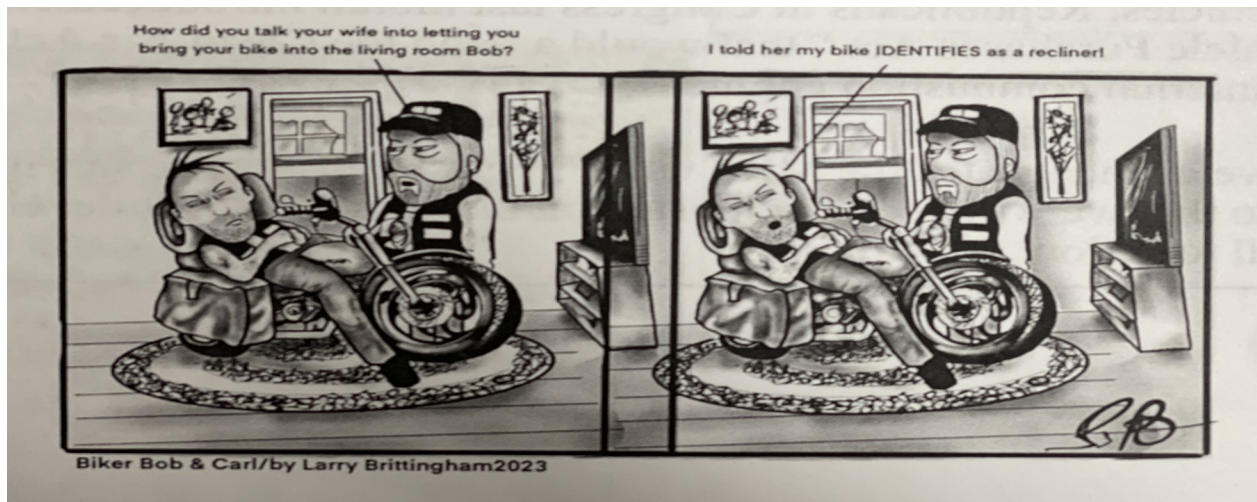
Jill Randall





Freebird Chapter

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT! WATCH FOR MORE COMING SOON!



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Illinois

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your chapter  
events  
posted on the  
state social  
media and  
website?

Email Teri Smith

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Email Chris Hansen

• [PR@abate-il.org](mailto:PR@abate-il.org)



## Wanted: Abate of Illinois

### Chapter T-Shirts (no event shirts)

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

The quilt will be put together in time for the ABATEPAC auction at the 2024 State Seminar. Quilts of this nature have been a successful auction item at previous seminars. Please bring to the BOD meeting in June or August and give to NE Region Coordinator Rich Gruner. Another option would be to mail to 1125 Ash Road, Hoffman Estates, IL, 60169.

For questions please contact  
Rich Gruner at 847-533-8349

**Deadline September 16, 2023**

## BOARD MEETINGS

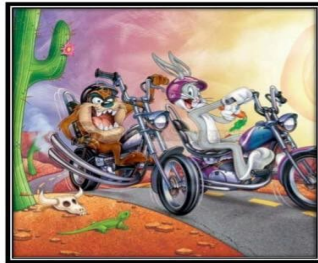
June 17, 2023

10:30am

**Executive  
Board**

1:00pm

**Board of  
Directors**



Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center  
625 East St. Joseph Street  
Springfield, Illinois



For More information contact: Teri Smith at [secretary@abate-il.org](mailto:secretary@abate-il.org)

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Riverview Bar & Grill 490 W 1st St Dallas City Il 217-989-1079

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## NORTHWEST REGION

The Friendly Tap- 14 N Center Plano IL 630-552-3696

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Nick's Tap & Grill 1301 Prophetstown Rd Rock Falls IL 815-626-1470

## NORTHEAST REGION

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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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- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
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- Freedom Fighter Donation \$10 \$25 \$\_\_\_\_\_



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 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- New  Renewal
- Referred by: \_\_\_ Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager # 11876177
- Please Check if you are a US Citizen
- Check here to NOT receive Patches and Pins
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- Check here to receive MRF Reports electronically (email)



#### MRF Mission Statement

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



Dairyland Classic / Dairyland Racing Events. Our second flat track event of the 2023 season will be June 10, 2023 Canoe Fest flat Track Races presented by Beowulf M.C. Club.

**CANOE FEST 2023**  
**Flat Track Motorcycle Races**  
 Presented by  
**June 10**  
 Sat. 2:00pm



**Lafayette County Speedway 3/8-mile oval**  
 702 E. Lousa Street, Darlington, WI (262) 339-7430 [www.dairylandclassic.com](http://www.dairylandclassic.com)

\$15.00 per person, 13 years and older.  
 12 years and younger "Free" for the motorcycle flat track races.  
 All adults, 21 years and older can stay for the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Beowulf M.C. Summer Party. ID's will be checked.  
 Must be born on, or before June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

**Protecting YOUR Rights**  
**In Our Nation's Capitol**

Date	Chapter Meetings 2023
6/01	Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County
6/02	
6/03	So Illinois 27
6/04	Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz, Kishwaukee Valley, Shawnee Hills
6/05	
6/06	Freedom Riders
6/07	Richland County
6/08	Heart of Illinois, Old River, St. Clair
6/09	
6/10	<b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b> Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads
6/11	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Liberty, Windy City, Ten Mile Creek, Prairieland
6/12	Midstate
6/13	
6/14	Will County, Freeport
6/15	South Suburban
6/16	
6/17	Black Diamond
6/18	
6/19	Tri County
6/20	DuKane, Lincoln Land
6/21	Chicago
6/22	STATE PARTY OPENS
6/23	STATE PARTY
6/24	Northern, Illinois STATE PARTY
6/25	STATE PARTY CLOSES
6/26	
6/27	
6/28	
6/29	

# ***Thank you!!!***

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

Thank You Glenn Brunson, State member, for your donation of \$40 to the yard sign fund. His comment was: Because I care...Safety First.

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

Thank You Tri-County Chapter for your \$200 donation to Safety & Ed.

**Thank You for your generous donations!**

### ABATE State Calendar for 2023

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



June 17	E-Board and BOD meetings
June 22-25	State Party
July 15	E-Board Meeting
August 19	E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations)
September 4	Bike Raffle Drawing
September 16	E-Board Meeting
September 21-24	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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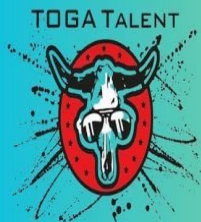
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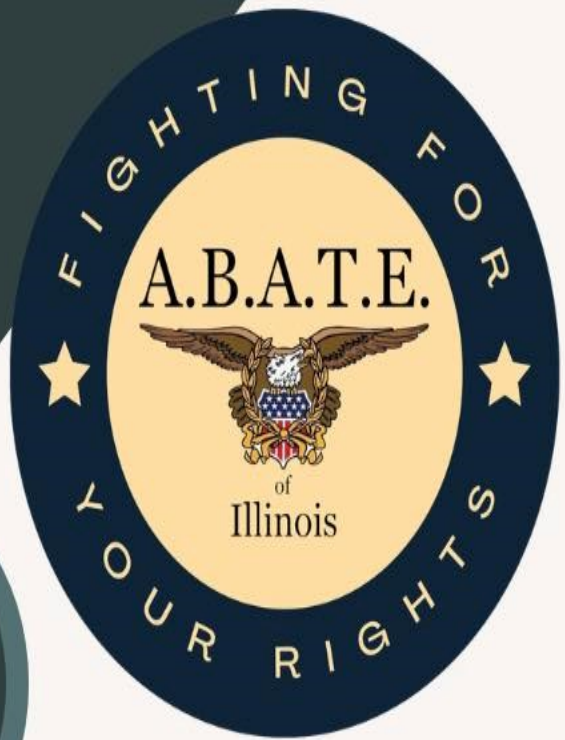
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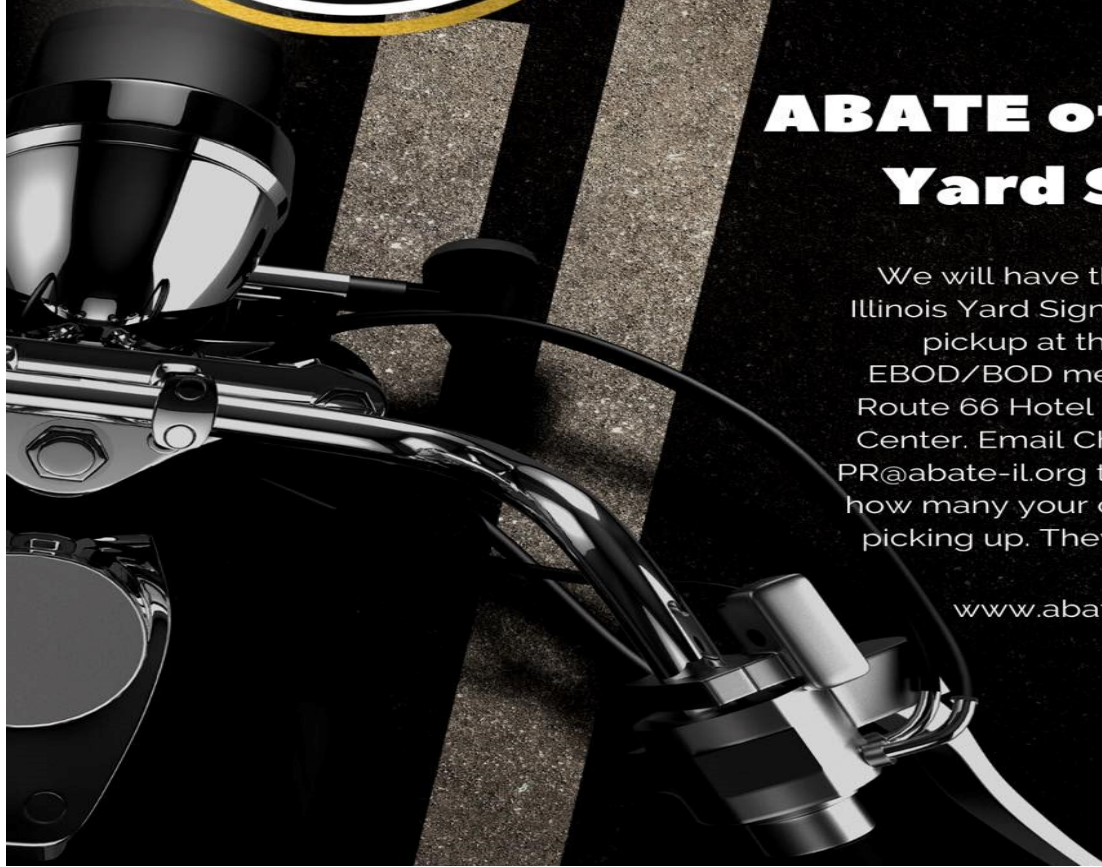
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