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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Legislative Day is Wednesday March 22nd. We will need all hands on deck this year as we are facing several fights at the state house, including saving the motorcycle safety program & one on driverless cars. ABATE is fighting for the future of motorcyclists, to preserve our heritage for decades to come. Members can no longer afford to sit on the sidelines. We will be at Floyd's Thirst Parlor, 210 S 5th Street. Registration from 8-9am with a presentation at 9am for those headed to the Capitol. We will then have a reception from 6-9pm at the same place. It is important to be there all day. Many representatives come to the reception looking for members from their districts.

In the Legislature – Bills ABATE is Watching

Please note: The most up to date list is online at www.abate-il.org/bills.

HB1108 – Opposed: Bill creates automated noise monitoring on Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. We know from other states that this will likely turn in to automated enforcement which tends to target motorcycles more than any other vehicle type.

HB2053 / SB1471 / HB3245 – Support | HB1403 / SB306 – Watch: HB2053/SB1471 are the ABATE introduced bills to regulate Autonomous Vehicles. HB1403/SB306 are bills from the Teamsters trying to accomplish a similar goal. HB3245 is a bill from Rep Syed based on conversations with Northern ABATE member, Rich Gruner. These are the beginning of a “working group” model which will likely result in a negotiated bill passing. **ABATE must have a large turnout for legislative day to ensure a good negotiating position.**

HB1634 / SB2050 – Opposed (Gently for now): Bill brings California Air Resources Board regulations to Illinois Vehicles. These regulations are hostile to on & off road riders. The sponsors work reasonably with ABATE & discussions are ongoing at this point.

SB245 – Support: Bill removes the mandatory requirement for drivers 75yrs or older to road test (car & motorcycle) every 2 years and instead places them on equal footing with all other drivers.

SB277 – Support: Requires drivers to stop short of a crosswalk when stopping at the intersection. This has the potential to reduce motorcycle collisions.

SB1405 – Support: Increases penalties on those who commit DUI and kill someone. This would affect drunks who kill bikers, which is an ABATE supported position.

SB1248 – Support: Currently a shell bill but will eventually become LED lighting overhaul bill.

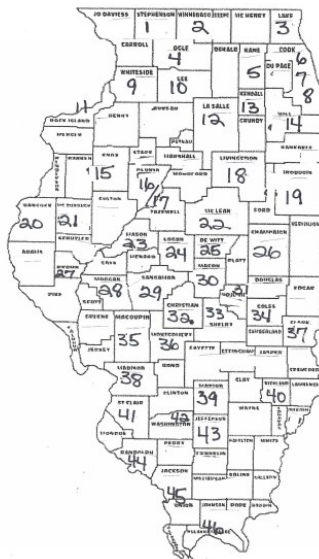
HB2582 - Support: Removes duplicate SOS testing from 16/17yr olds who successfully complete an MSF Course through the Cycle Rider Safety Training program.

SB2373 - Support: Bill will limit the civil liability of colleges participating in the Cycle Rider Safety Training Program. This is vital to seeing the program re-instated in the Northern IL areas & continuing to exist in Illinois, period. ABATE is pushing this solution, but that means fighting the trial lawyers who are one of the biggest influence groups in the Capitol so again – SHOW UP FOR LEGISLATIVE DAY & SAVE MOTORCYCLE TRAINING IN ILLINOIS!

SB1918 / SB2141 - Opposed: Bills would damage Off Highway Trails Grant programs, and allow for local regulation of ATVs & Dirt bikes.

ABATE is currently tracking several hundred bills through XLN Services. The bills listed here are bills that have the best / worst potential of actually moving soon.

One last thing – Please contact me when you have talked with a legislator. It allows us to do a follow up and make a better impression. Also, under no circumstances should a Chapter be directing a legislator to introduce legislation. If you have a bill that you want a legislator to sponsor for ABATE, please contact me at legislative@abate-il.org or 217-816-2646 so we can properly coordinate.



Northwest Region Chapters

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

West Central Region Chapters

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

Southwest Region

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

Northeast Region Chapters

- Chicago-6
- Dukane-5
- Northern Illinois-3
- South Suburban-8
- Will County-14
- Windy City-7

East Central Region Chapters

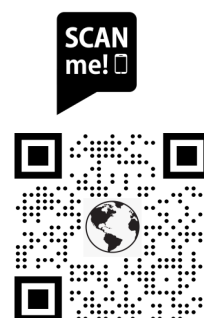
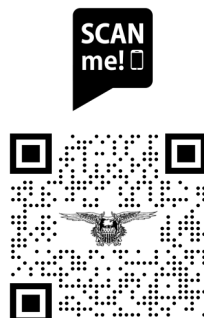
- Eastern Illinois-26
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- Liberty-34
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- Salt Creek-24
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What is ABATE?

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



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FREE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR MEMBERS

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

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State
Coordinator

Hello Fellow A.B.A.T.E Member,

Let me start by saying, “Thank you” to the chapters for making good choices on members you are sending to the state board meetings to represent you. This month we had two very hard issues to make decisions on. The board of directors not only handled these issues, but did so maturely, and in a very professional manner. The questions were asked, answered and discussions held were conducted in a very positive manner.

It is this type of leadership and communications that is needed at all levels in this organization. All chapters will, have issues now and then and will be forced to make unpopular decisions, it can’t be helped. When this occurs look to your leadership, and be a leader yourself. Approach every tough issue with well thought out solutions, and ideas. Listen to other’s ideas and be willing to compromise if needed. There is always a way to make tough issues work, if you’re willing to work together.

Oh, and before I forget, playing together is just as important as working together. So, while we do have work to do, let’s find time to come together this year for a little bit of fun.

Thank you for being a part of A.B.A.T.E. and ride safe

Bob (Mouse) Ellinger



Assistant State
Coordinator

Hello everyone. The 2023 State Seminar is done and I just wanted to say “Thank You” to everyone to help make it happen. The numbers for the seminar are overall was 8.5 from the surveys that we received. We had 227 registers for the breakout session and 216 for the banquet. we had 25 chapters represented there. I personally would like to see the numbers increase next year. Let us all work on that I would like to see at least 1 member if not more from each Chapter there next year.

Work on next year's State Seminar has already begun the dates will be January 19th and 20th. Start making plans to be there.

Scott “Scooter” Carter



State
Treasurer

We are a 501c4 – Educational Org.

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

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

We support, sponsor and encourage many charities. We are NOT a charity.

**Always a Pleasure,
Paul Truax**



OFFICE
MANAGER

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

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

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.

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Products
Coordinator

Please Welcome Paulette as our
“INTERIM” PRODUCTS COORDINATOR.

Please reach out to her with any questions. Stop by the state products trailer at the swap meet in Springfield March 19th.

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NEW
Arrivals



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Safety and Ed
Coordinator

Brothers & Sisters,

Congratulations to all the new and existing State Coordinators and Chapter Officers. It’s been a pleasure meeting so many new people since I was elected as State Safety and Education Coordinator. I want to thank all of you for your kindness and support. I also want to thank Mike Mahorney for his dedication to ABATE of Illinois and to the safety and education program we have. Being a State Coordinator or an officer in a chapter requires time, commitment, and persistence. I vow to give it my all.

As I sit here and write this, it is a beautiful day on Saturday, February 18. We have had some pretty nice days so far leading into the early spring and there have been a lot of us taking advantage of these nice days on 2 or 3 wheels. Unfortunately, we have had 4 fatalities in Illinois so far into 2023. One fatality is too many. 139 motorcyclists’ fatalities happened throughout Illinois in 2022 (as of December 28th). My wife, Vivian, and I have been working hard to implement a new strategy to the S & E program. We are connecting many teachers and schools with ABATE Chapters through our Distress Bandanna presentations.

We talk to each & every teacher about the importance of covering motorcycle safety awareness in their Driver Education classes.

I left this last statement for a reason at the end.

As I have taken a ride or a drive into Springfield so many times in a week, I can’t help to notice and hear about the daily crashes. A lot of them occur in the intersections. Cars and trucks on their side or laying upside down. Speed, running red lights and distractions all play into this. Please be more vigilant when going through intersections/stop signs. Sometimes we are too quick to go when the light turns green.

Please stop by my Safety and Education table at our State ABATE Swap Meet in Springfield on March 19th and say hi!

Ride Safe Brothers and Sisters,

John “Fireball” Anderson



Activities
Coordinator

WATCH FOR UPCOMING EVENTS INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK

“ABATE of ILLINOIS Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show”

Join ABATE of Illinois on March 19th for our Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in the ORR Building. There will be thousands of square feet of motorcycle parts, clothing, jewelry, gear, and more! Plus, a great motorcycle show to go with it. Early bird admission is from 8-10am and is \$10/person. General admission is 10am-3:30pm and is \$7/person. Ages 12 and under get in free. All motorcycles for the motorcycle show must be registered before 10am! The cost to enter the motorcycle show is \$10 and that covers your admission into the swap meet. Contact ABATE of Illinois with any questions or for more information at office@abate-il.org or activities@abate-il.org.

Questions please reach out to me!

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Newsletter
Coordinator

Articles due March 11th, 2023 for the April 2023 ONLINE ONLY issue of the newsletter.

Thank you to the Chapters that submit articles and keeps us updated with the news and events around the state. You are welcome to send photos and I will post if there is room, please limit the number if photos on printed issues.

Sonya Link,

ABATE of Illinois Newsletter Coordinator.

Newsletter deadline is the second Saturday of the month.

SUBMIT ALL ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER TO THIS EMAIL:

newsletter@abate-il.org



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



State
Secretary

Spring Greetings Everyone.

It was great seeing some new faces and some familiar faces at the February Board of Directors meeting. The following motions were submitted during the meeting:

Motion to not proceed with termination of Ernie Steele’s membership in this matter by Heart of Illinois, seconded by Thunder Rock. Discussions. Dukane, Eastern Illinois, Embarras Valley, Freeport, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Llincolnland, Midstate, Northern Illinois, Prairieland, Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, South Suburban, St. Clair and Tri-County opposed. Motion failed. BOD2023-001

Motion to suspend Ernie Steele’s membership for five years from ABATE of Illinois by Freeport. Second by St. Clair. Discussions. Backroads, Blackhawk, Central, Chicago, Dukane, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Heart of Illinois, Midstate, Peo-Taz, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock and Will County opposed. Motion failed. BOD2023-002

Motion to suspend Penny West from ABATE of Illinois for five years by Freeport. Second by St. Clair. Discussions. Backroads, Blackhawk, Central, Chicago, Dukane, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Heart of Illinois, Shawnee Hills, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock and Will County opposed. Motion failed. BOD2023-003

Motion to appoint Paulette Korte as the Products Coordinator thru the June board meeting, until and election for the products coordinator can be held by Freebird. Second by Eastern Illinois. Discussions. Embarras Valley and Lincolnland opposed. Motion passed. BOD2023-004

Motion to send letters to Pathfinders, State Line Riders and Windy City to attend the April board meeting for charter review by Freeport. Second by Thunder Rock. Discussions. Blackhawk, Shawnee Hills and St. Clair opposed. Motion passed. BOD2023-005

The next meetings will be:

March 18th: Executive Board 10:30am

April 15th: Executive Board 10:30am

Board of Directors 1:00pm

At: The Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E St. Joseph Str. Springfield, Il.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Swap Meet and Legislative Day.

Ride Safe

Teri Smith - Secretary

From the Website Manager:

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

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

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

March 18	E-Board Meeting
March 19	Swap Meet (Springfield)
March 22	Legislative Day
April 15	E-Board and BOD meetings
April 21-22	Heartland STEAM (Bismarck ND)
May 6	E-Board Meeting (Ramada Inn (across from the Northfield Inn)
May 7	Freedom Rally
May 15-16	Bikers in the Beltway
June 17	E-Board and BOD meetings
23-25	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

Proposed By-Law Amendment

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

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

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

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

Submitted to the Committee January 20, 2023

Read Before the BOD February 11, 2023

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



Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters!
March is here, and with that comes motorcyclists back on the roads in Illinois. It

is so important to get out into our communities and spread the message of motorcycle awareness to motorists. Too many times do we see distracted texting drivers which are beyond deadly to motorcyclists. The more we get the message to START SEEING MOTORCYCLES out there, the better!

As many of you saw at the ABATE of Illinois BOD meeting on February 11 th , we are putting together a design for new yard signs. It is time to change them up and put something fresh out there. We have had yellow and black yard signs for a long time, and we are looking for something different. That is why the sign has a white background. The nice part about the white background is that it stands out and will cost less to print. I am hoping to have these ordered and printed ASAP to get to the chapters that want to purchase them. On that note, we have eye glass cleaners on the way with more giveaway products to be ordered.

It is time to get ready for Motorcycle Awareness Month coming up in May, which brings with it getting proclamations. The proclamations for your city, town, and village will be on the website soon, so watch for those. It is especially important for us to get out and get these proclamations to promote motorcycle awareness and keeping the eyes of motorists on the road instead of on their phones. Put these proclamations out in the public eye so that people are aware of the work we do and the message we are

sending. ABATE of Illinois will also work with Todd Smith, the Motorcycle Safety Program Manager from IDOT, on a 2023 Proclamation and Press Release on Motorcycle Awareness, so stay tuned for that too.

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 meeting on March 18th
- ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show in Springfield on March 19th
- Heartland S.T.E.A.M. (hosted by ABATE of North Dakota) on April 21st – 22nd

As always, I am available if you need to reach out or have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Text or email me any time. Have a Happy St. Patrick’s Day and get out and enjoy those miles once the salt is off the road!


Until next month, Ride Safe – Ride Free
Chris Hansen

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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.
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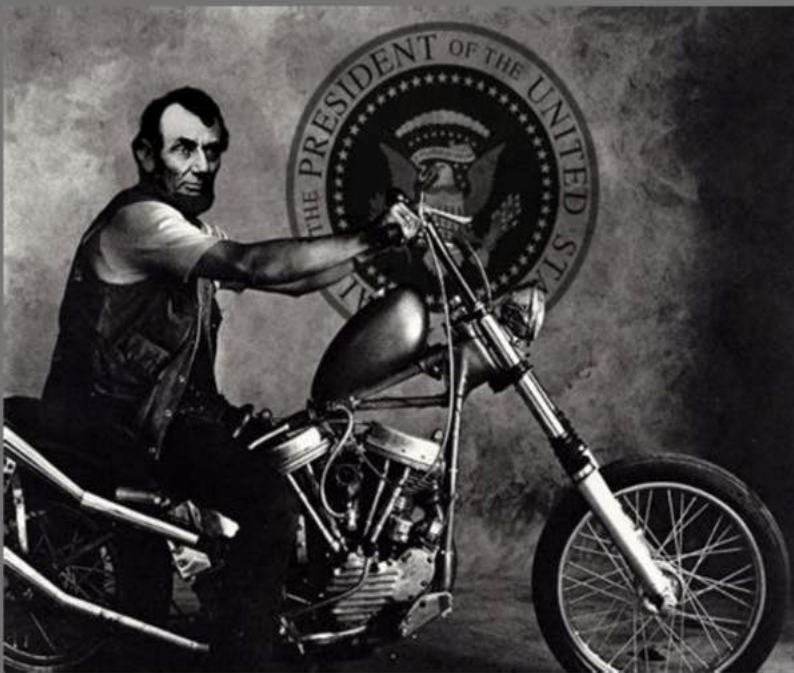
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Ask Our Lawyer

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UNINSURED UNDERINSURED - IF YOUR AGENT SAYS WAIVE IT - WAIVE HIM

Q. My insurance agent says I can save money on the insurance policy for my motorcycle if I waive the “uninsured - underinsured coverage”, since I do not ride much. Should I?
ABATE OF OHIO MEMBER.

A. Ok - a quick insurance lesson here. As we should know, uninsured coverage in your motorcycle policy provides coverage for your injuries when the dirt bag that runs over you has no insurance. Underinsurance coverage provides coverage for you when that same dirtbag does not have enough coverage to take care of you. And that is assuming that you have taken my advice and upped your limits to do that. If you have not, shame on you and shame on me for not being more persuasive.

Even though Uninsured/Underinsured coverage is not required in the state of Ohio NEVER waive that provision. Ever. Uninsured/Underinsured coverage supplements your own policy and protects you from a situation where another driver is at-fault and either has no insurance or has insurance that is insufficient to cover your losses. AND IT IS CHEAP RELATIVELY SPEAKING! For example, if the other driver has \$25,000 of coverage and your medical and rehabilitative costs are \$50,000, then your own insurer would pay the remaining \$25,000 - that is, IF you have purchased sufficient UIM protection. Get as much as you can - it is cheap compared to the alternative.

For those of us who travel to Daytona for Bike-Week, the insurance limits in Florida are unconscionably low. That is the land of people who drive - and shouldn't. (And I realize that I may be in that category myself someday) We are seeing too many cases of not enough insurance coverage on the adverse vehicle to even pay for your flight to the hospital and emergency treatment at the scene, much less for your lost wages, medical bills, temporary/permanent impairment, pain and suffering. Well you get the idea. Take care of yourself and never waive that coverage. If you do and the little old lady with blue hair gets you, expect a whole bunch of sad looks from me that says, “I told you so”.

Q: I got a letter from my insurance company that stated that due to a new statute, a motor vehicle which is operated on a highway right-of-way must be covered by liability insurance. A highway right-of-way is 25 feet from the center of the lane on “most” rural roads. This means no dirt bikes, ATV or snowmobile riding down property lines or fence rows along roads. It also means checking my mail on my ATV and parking at the edge of my drive could result in a ticket. Even mowing

grass along the road in your front yard could get you an insurance ticket on your lawn mower. I don't recall hearing of this proposal before. ABATE OF ILLINOIS MEMBER

A: ABATE lawyer George Tinkham provided us with an explanation for this one for Illinois. (We will cover Indiana, Ohio and other states in a later column.) The Governor of Illinois signed Public Act 96-0279 into law. This Act did not amend §7-601 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) (625 ILCS 5/7-601) which excludes vehicles not designed for use on public highways from the mandatory liability insurance requirement. It did, however, amend §11-1426.1 of the IVC by adding subsection (g), which reads:

(g) Any person who operates a non-highway vehicle on a street, highway, or roadway shall be subject to the mandatory insurance requirements under Article VI of Chapter 7 of this Code.

PA 96-0279 also requires the operator of such a vehicle to have a driver's license. Whether that license has to have the proper motorcycle endorsement is unclear.

Even though the Vehicle Code now has contradictory language, the language in §11-1426.1 which requires insurance (and a driver's license) will prevail. This means that your letter is correct: off-road vehicles must be covered by liability insurance when on the right-of-way of a public highway.

It is not uncommon to see a twelve year old riding an ATV or dirt bike along the right-of-way fence on the public highway side traveling between his home and a favorite off-road riding area. This change to the IVC means that his off-road vehicle must now be insured. A more absurd consequence of PA 96-0279 is what happens when a landowner uses a riding mower to cut grass on the right-of-way by his home or farm. Silly as it seems, arguably the mower may have to have vehicle insurance, even though most homeowner/farm policies will provide coverage for an occurrence while mowing. If the agent for your farm/home insurance says you do not need additional coverage for the off-road vehicle, send him an email confirming the same with a cc to me. And show him this article.

THE POWER OF HAVING AN ABATE LAWYER IN YOUR HOUSE

One of the blessings of membership in ABATE is the power to call up your lawyer and pick his brain on a variety of legal issues. And it helps when you tell a stubborn insurance adjuster that if they don't treat you right on the property damage to the family Harley - you are going to call Rod Taylor - your ABATE lawyer. More times than not, that is all it takes.

Not only does ABATE Legal receive calls regarding motorcycle crashes we get calls for legal help on a variety of issues, for example, time-share issues in Mexico, motorcycle titles, credit score gigs, employment problems, age discrimination, sexual harassment, union contracts, health policy claims and insurance claim denials to name a few. You name it and we have tried to help our members get started in the right direction. While we

are motorcycle lawyers specializing in crash cases (WE HANDLE ALL KINDS OF PERSONAL INJURY CASES FOR OUR MEMBERS) and remember that Rod is a former semi driver and still owns a B-Model Mack so he knows all about that, and we try to get you to lawyers that practice in other areas that we don't. For example, we are not patent/trademark lawyers, but we know when it pays to hire one and when it doesn't. We like to think we have saved a lot of money for our members.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF RAISED MEDIANS?

Let us know what you think about raised medians. Are they a problem? So far no one seems to be looking at this item as a traffic hazard issue. Tell us about the good, bad and ugly regarding these traffic control devices. We have been getting feedback through the RoadHazard.org web site and here is an example.

Jerry Taylor wrote the following regarding raised median in Joliet, IL: Joliet did not "link" the raised median removal to motorcycle safety issues or any other safety issues. I was told they were going to replace the three raised medians at that intersection with PAINTED medians. Again, it seemed to be more of a cost issue as opposed to a safety issue of any kind.

Again, here is what the City of Joliet officially said: The City has an intersection improvement project at the intersection of Essington Road and Caton Farm Road. The project consists mainly of roadway widening to accommodate new right turn lanes for both the eastbound and southbound directions. Although the project has started, it has been temporarily suspended due to utility conflicts. The medians were removed initially to allow for traffic to be 'staged' during construction. Once the construction commences, the traffic lanes will be shifted at times to allow for various work zones. The final plans only include the re-installation of the raised median on the east leg. This is to restrict traffic from accessing the Family Video driveway from the eastbound direction. The other three legs of the intersection will have a painted median.

It was MY BAD in thinking it was the start of moving away from raised medians, but I was wrong. Raised medians are going up all over the place around here and you can see black marks where car tires have rubbed them and cracks with broken concrete where cars or snow plows have hit them.

When I go west on my bike, like to Nevada, the medians seem to be well lit and the streets a little wider where they exist. Hardly any black tire marks at all. Also, the front, impact. zones are beveled so your vehicle can have a chance of RIDING UP on the raised median instead of breaking a wheel and axles when you hit a non-beveled median with a car, or worse yet with your bike.

I have noticed some "after the fact" older raised medians in our area, with a beveled area ground or cut into them, like they do for wheelchair access for crossing streets.. But "I assume" they

do that only because city snowplows were hitting them?

It just might be a coincidence, but when I talk to a small group of other bikers about raised medians, someone always says they know someone who is no longer with us, after hitting a raised median! I don't know if that is your experience on the subject or not?

Again, if I am the only one mentioning this subject, no need to pursue it. It is just another road hazard I try to keep my eyes on! Thanks for listening. Jerry

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT IF YOU'RE ARRESTED

Information for clients of ABATE Legal Services

What do you do when the men and women in blue show up? What are your rights and what should happen? We get many inquiries from parents, neighbors and concerned friends about their rights and what to expect. The following tips should help.

1. When am I arrested?

You are arrested (or considered under arrest) when officers deprive you of your freedom of movement in order to have you answer for an alleged crime.

2. They want to question me - what are my rights?

Just like in those TV shows, you have the right to remain silent. If you don't keep silent, anything you say can be used in court against you. If you start answering questions, you can stop at any time. You have the right to speak with your lawyer and have them with you during questioning.

3. The cops won't let me go, but they haven't arrested me. Can they do that?

An officer can temporarily detain you in order to ask for identification and to get an explanation of your presence at a particular time. You can be subject to a limited pat-down search to ensure that you have no weapons, if the officer believes you are armed. You have the right not to answer the questions, but if you refuse to give any identification, the officer may have grounds to arrest you. Once this temporary detention is over, the officer must either arrest you or let you proceed on your way.

4. They want to arrest me, but don't have a warrant.

Officers can make an arrest without a warrant if they witness the offense being committed. They can also make an arrest if they receive information from a credible person that they suspect committed a felony and is about to escape.

5. I got hurt when I was arrested. How much force can they use?

An officer is entitled to use reasonable and necessary force to overcome resistance. These terms are relative, so the amount of force they can use depends on the situation.

6. They want to search my house. Do I have to let them?

Officers may conduct a limited search of the surroundings without a warrant. If you are in your home, they may seize contraband, stolen property, or evidence of a crime that is in plain sight. They may also check the residence for accomplices. If you are in your car, they can search for weapons that could be used against them. They may not conduct a broader search without a warrant, unless they reasonably believe that the vehicle has evidence of crime or contraband.

7. I've been arrested. Now what?

You are going to be taken to the detention facility, where you will be able to talk to an attorney. They should also tell you the charge being alleged. You can be required to participate in a lineup, give a handwriting sample, give a blood or urine sample, or perform certain other tasks

8. I want out! Bail may or may not be set for your case, depending on the seriousness of the charge. If the charge is relatively minor, you may be released on your own recognizance. You can also petition the court to reduce the amount of bail set.

9. My kid just called from jail. What rights do they have?

Children have the same substantive rights as adults. In addition, they have the right to have a parent with them when being questioned. Also, the procedures in juvenile court are generally closed to the public.

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Over the last year we've received multiple emails and phone calls from riders in far-away states wanting to report road haz-

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Ride Safe.

Rod Taylor

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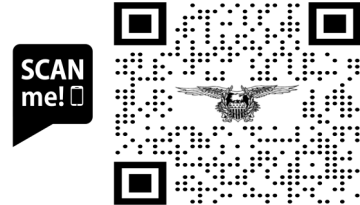
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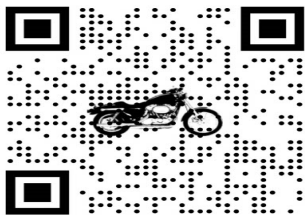
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March 11	Springfield	Koo Koo's 2	St. Patrick's Day Party
March 19	Springfield	State Fairgrounds	ABATE Swap Meet
March 22	Springfield	Floyd's Thirst House	Legislative Day
March 25	Springfield	Hall's Harley Davidson	Summer Thunder Tour
April 3	Marshall	American Legion	Queen of Hearts Drawing
April 8	Moonshine	Moonshine Store	Lunch Run
April 16	Hannibal Mo	Admiral Coontz Cntr	TBL Motorcycle Swap Meet
April 22	Mt Vernon	Roadhouse H/D	Kyle Price Memorial Ride
April 29	Pekin	Avanti's Dome	Biker's Bazaar
May 7	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fair-ground	TBL Motorcycle Swap Meet
May 19-20	Sycamore	Sycamore Speedway	Flat Track Racing
May 26-29	Savanna	Poopy's	Memorial Day Weekend
June 2-4	Leaf River	Leaf River Daze	ABATE Awareness
June 9-11	Darlington WI	Lafayette County Fair	Stock Car Races
June 17	Marseilles	Downtown	Freedom Run
June 22-25	Lanark	Crooked Roof	Bike Night & Old Settler Day
July 1-2	Stockton	Corner Tap	ABATE Awareness
July 4,	Stockton	Memorial Park	July 4 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	Forreston	City Park	Sauerkraut Day
August 6-11	Belvidere	Fairgrounds	Boone County Fair
August 12-13,	Mendota	Downtown	Sweetcorn Festival
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August 25-27	Tonica	Downtown	Jeep Jam & Car Show
Sept 1-3	Springfield	State Fairgrounds	Springfield Mile

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We have been waiting a long time for our wind therapy but the time has come for some of us. The sun has finally shown its face, temps have been on the rise, and salt has been washed away for our roads. Have been seeing more and more riders out there. Always ride safe.

Membership - Congrats to our members renewing their dues and welcome to our newest members – Tom and Jen Klatt. 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 – are available NOW for \$10. It promises to give you many riding adventures in our great Northwest Region. It also will bring enthusiasm and excitement to members as this is a way to network with other chapters, organizations, and communities and to get members riding. Some of the same places, some new places, but all “Go To” places to visit. So beginning April 1 and ending on September 30...go get your stamps from 62 stops (you will need 46 regular stops and 1 bonus stop to be in the drawing for the cash at our post party on October 7, 2023). You may get a book from any committee member – Frank Lorang, Bill & Sally Kolb, Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Kevin & Patti Smith, Cliff & Linda Oleson.

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

State Seminar – January 20 and 21 at Northfield Inn in Springfield. Members attending were Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Patti & Kevin Smith, Sally & Bill Kolb, Brian & Erin Smith, Cliff & Linda Oleson who attended workshops, enjoyed the camaraderie with other chapter members, made new friends, and took home some recognition certificates and plaques. Certificates were for perfect attendance at BOD meetings for 2022, perfect attendance at BOD meetings for 8 consecutive years, and donations for Safety & Ed programming. The plaque was presented to Linda Oleson for recruiting 40 new members for 2022.

NW Region Chili Shoot Out – Saturday, February 4, 13 varieties of chili, desserts, silent auction, 50/50, bake sale, and over \$1700 raised for ABATE of IL State-Pac. Open Roads members assisted at the door (sold 9 summer books), ran the 50/50 raffle, Sam & Sharyl judged chili, Sam was the auctioneer, and all had a good time. Participating members were Ralph & Karla Torres, Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Kevin & Patti Smith, Cliff & Linda Oleson. Congrats to all the chili winners, 50/50 winner, and those who donated and won auction items.

10th Annual Chili Cook-off and Pool Tournament - Saturday, February 11 pm, at Plano Hometown Lanes. Both events had a very good turnout. Sixteen people entered the double elimination pool tournament with prizes awarded to the top three placements. Kamu Maddox took 1st place and Open Roads members Ralph Gearson and Bill Kolb placed 2nd and 3rd. Ralph Torres with Open Roads coordinated the

bracket pairings and winners. The Chili Cook Off was a hit with many members as well as people from the community. They were treated to nine delicious pots of chili and they could only choose one winning chili. After all the votes were in, Sharyl Mataya and Diana Rebechini tied for 1st place followed by Melanie Baum in 2nd place. Congrats and thank you to everyone who participated in these two events. All placement winners received cash prizes.

Air Fryer Raffle – Open Roads ABATE ran a raffle on an air fryer at their January meeting and the pool/chili events. Tom Klatt, Open Roads newest member, had the winning ticket. Congrats, Tom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Legislative Day – March 22, some of our members will be represented at Floyd’s Thirst Parlor and the Capitol in Springfield that day. This day is dedicated to speaking to our state reps about motorcycle and off-roads interests and issues.

Axe Throwing & Poor Boys – Saturday, March 25 – Spring fever is upon us and time to get rid of those winter blahs. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will begin with axe throwing at Bull & Bear Axe Throwing in Montgomery and then have food and drinks at Poor Boys. Cost is \$25.99 per person for Axe Throwing (pay that day). \$5 extra per person for competition to vie for cash prizes for top three scores. After being axe throwing champions, we will enjoy food and drink at Poor Boys (next door to Axe Throwing). Must let Linda Oleson (630-552-3828, FB, e-mail Isole-son7@gmail.com) know if you wish to attend by March 20.

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

Upcoming events include Freedom Rally, group rides, Motorcycle Awareness Month, Memorial Day Ride, and more. Come to a meeting, event, check out our Facebook page or call Cliff (630) 552-3828 or Patti (815) 498-6025 if you have questions, events, updates, or suggestions. You might be surprised what **opportunities** you may find.



Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity

Pictures:

Open Roads attended the NW Region ABATE meeting on January 21 and met our new Region Coordinator, Robert Ruddell. Pictured are Linda Oleson, Bill Kolb, NW Coordinator Robert Ruddell, Kevin Smith, Cliff Oleson, Brian Smith, Patti Smith, and Sally Kolb.



Open Roads newest ABATE member is Tom Klatt (right) with Cliff Oleson (President) and Bill Kolb (Membership Coordinator).



Open Roads ABATE Chili Winners were Diana Rebechini and Sharyl Mataya (tied for first), Melanie Baum (second place), and Kevin Smith (Activities Coordinator).



Open Roads ABATE members with their banner supporting the State Seminar – Sally & Bill Kolb, Brian Smith, Linda & Cliff Oleson, Kevin & Patti Smith.



Open Roads ABATE Pool Winners were Bill Kolb (3rd place), Ralph Gearson (2nd place), Kamu Maddox (1st place), Kevin Smith (Activities Coordinator), and Ralph Torres (Bracket/Pairings/Placements Coordinator).





Freeport Chapter

Good Day and welcome to spring.....well maybe. Mother nature can be wicked, but I have seen a few bikes out on the road on a sunny Sunday afternoon. It's coming, I promise.

The NW Region Chili Shootout is in the books. Everyone had a great time, attendance was down, but the event still raised over \$1700 for ABATEPAC. Diane Paulsen won 2nd place in the HOT chili category, and she also won the 50/50 for over \$200. Congratulations to her, and to all the other winners.

The Chapter has lots of events and runs planned for this summer, along with some State events. Our Chapter's 37th Anniversary Party will be held on March 18 at The "G" Spot. This is most likely the last Chapter party at this location. Scott and Kerri are moving to Florida soon. So stop in and enjoy their hospitality one last time. Our "Member of the Year" award will be given out, and other Chapter awards will also be given out. Details will be on our website, Face book page, and The Soft-Tale. Legislative Day is March 23rd in Springfield. That is always a great time to meet you Legislators. The Awareness Rally (I believe) is still on May 7th in Springfield. That would mean that our Run to the Capitol would be on Saturday, May 6th. There will be more info to come on this event so stay tuned. One of our big runs of the year, our Memorial run to honor all our fallen Chapter members, will be on May 13th. Sign up at Logan's Bar and Grill. Check our website or Facebook page for more info on this event.

If you sign-up to join ABATE at this run, you can ride the run for free. (new members only) Give Doug Van Horn, our Chapter Activities Coordinator, a call with your starting mileage to enter our Mileage Contest. There is no cost to enter this, and you could win a \$100 or \$50 gas card. Bring your mileage to the December meeting and cross your fingers. Don't forget our Mann-iac Run. There are 24 stops on this run, and all summer to do them. Books should be ready at the March meeting. The cost is \$15 for a whole summer full of riding. Bring your books to the October meeting for the card draw. If you have any ideas for runs or other events come to a meeting and let one of the Officers know. We are always looking for new and fun stuff to do.

Everyone should have received our Spring Raffle tickets in your Soft-Tale. Please take a minute and fill them and return with \$5. This is our seed money to help fund other events in the Chapter. Thank you.

This is the time to do a T-CLOCK inspection on your bike to be ready for that first ride. You don't want parts flying off the bike riding down the road.

That's all I have for now. Ride Safe, and we hope to see you a a meeting this summer.

Becky



Thunder Rock Chapter

Another Month down, a day closer to riding time. Cabin fever bug will be leaving, and the riding bug will begin, March 20th first day of spring, will be here before you know it. Time for planning events, gathering with friends and making new friends.

Recap on the State Seminar.

Thunder Rock received two certificates **for 5 YEAR PERFECT ATTENDANCE AT BOD Meeting and for PERFECT ATTENDANCE 2022 at BOD**



Terry Weil won a door prize for 1 year renewal for membership.

To all of you that couldn't make it this year, try to next year. This is an event that lot of time ,dedication and determination is engaged, to make it a successful event. Not only educational but time to meet others from chapters throughout all of Illinois. It is a very worthwhile event. Hope to see you all there next year.

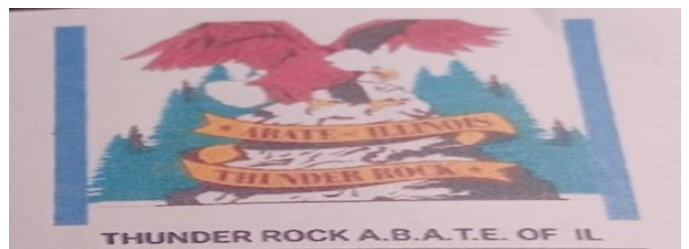
Big Shout out and thank you to all that were involved to make another successful year at our STATE SEMINAR

Recap on Northwest Regional Cookoff

First of all big shout out and job well done to our new Northwest Regional coordinator, ROBERT RUDELL. GREAT JOB!

Thunder Rock had 11 members at Chili Cook off, two of our own placed.

JOAN BRADFORD 1st Place in HOT CATORGORY/ CHARLIE FRANK 3rd place in MILD CATORGORY.





CONGRADULATIONS JOAN AND CHARLIE AND TO ALL OF THE WINNERS...

Up Coming events.

Just a reminder, Our Teddy Bear Drive, throughout the year we collect stuff animals to donate to our local police to distributed to our young ones in need. You can bring a stuff animal to the meetings or bring them with you on the ride.

Thunder Rock is working on some up coming events, please watch Thunder Rock page on face book for more information to follow.

Reminder our Chapter meetings are the first Sunday of the month at Trippie’s Bar and Grill and Oregon il, 11:15 upstairs... Come and join us, help brainstorm on events for the upcoming riding season. As a reminder each meeting there is a drawing for one year renewal membership, however you must be present to win. FEBRUARY NAME was PAM ROSSI, he was not present, and her name was put back into the draw.

TRIVIA/ HISTORY

RARE 1908 HARLEY-DAVIDSON BECOMES MOST EXPENSIVE MOTORCYCLE EVER SOLD AT AUCTION, \$935,000. There is 12 of the 1908 STRAP TANKS ARE BELIEVED TO STILL BE OUT IN THE WORLD. The Name Strap tank was because the nickel – plated steel bands suspended the fuel and oil tanks from the bikes frame. The bike was restored but still had many of its original parts, the tank, wheels, engine belt pulley, seat cover and muffler sleeve.



REMINDER FOR ANY UPDATES ON EVENTS PLEASE VISIT OUR FACE BOOK PAGE

Until next time, TAKE CARE, STAY SAFE AND THINK SPRING!

THUNDER ROCK CHAPTER



Starved Rock Chapter

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

Starved Rock Chapter would like to welcome new members Brenda K from Kangley, Jessica from Utica, and John B from Marseilles.

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

We had nine chapter members attend the **2023 ABATE of Illinois SEMINAR** in Springfield. Our chapter received an award for selling the most state bike raffle tickets for 2022! Great job everyone! Freeport Chapter received an award because they sold almost as many \$\$\$ worth of tickets as Starved Rock Chapter did! Congratulations Cleaver and all members who helped sell tickets! There were breakout sessions that we attended where we learned many things. **One critical need** is thinking of ways to attract new members and retain current members. We learned it is very important to try to focus on attracting younger members as well. We want and need ABATE to grow and thrive. This can be done with the guidance, experience, and wisdom of the older members and the stamina, endurance, and innovation of younger members to carry us through the next several

decades. We need to have open communication and be willing to listen to the thoughts and ideas of everyone. We must work together as a team to move ABATE into the future. If anyone has any thoughts on how to grow ABATE, please speak up and let others know what they are! Brainstorming can be a catalyst for change and **CHANGE CAN BE GOOD!**

Congratulations to Dukane Chapter member Judy Kaenel for receiving the 2022 Rich Neb award! What is the Rich Neb Award? ABATE of Illinois’ highest honor for outstanding contributions to motorcycling. Requirements: Sacrifice, Success, Sincerity, Continuity, and Organization. Contribution to motorcyclist’s rights. Commitment to motorcycling. Character (Quality person). Cooperation (Ability to work with others). Continuity (Length of service). Not to be awarded yearly, but by merit. Executive Board members are not eligible. No awards will be given posthumously.

Congratulations to Open Roads member Linda Olsen for winning the Phil Prince Award. She was the ABATE member who signed up the most new members in 2022.

The NW Region Chili shootout was held on Saturday Feb 4th at the Dixon VFW. We had 8 chapter members attend. Thanks to Robert R. for running the shootout for his first year! Great job! Thanks to Sandy M for helping him through his first shootout! The shootout made over \$1700.00 for the State PAC!

We had a meeting Sunday February 5th at the Mendota Moose. Thanks to the Moose for giving us a place to hold our meeting and have a potluck! Thanks to Cathy Green and everyone who helped organize and clean up! The gun raffle winners were drawn with 1st place going to James "Doc" Welther from Spring Valley, Betty Hardy from Ottawa, and Colin George from Amboy. We had 46 members and 4 guests present. Door prizes were awarded to members Jason Dauck and April Strothman. Guest winning a door prize was Sharyl M from Open Roads Chapter! MRF membership winners were Jason Dauck and Mitch Urban. Jeff Sittler won the membership drawing and donated 51.00 to the chapter! Thanks Jeff!

Membership Officer April S suggested the chapter enter parades with both street bikes and off road bikes. She also suggested our chapter sponsor off-road bikes during races as a way to get ABATE more involved in the local communities and to try to attract new and younger members. She also created a flyer promoting Starved Rock Chapter of ABATE which has two QR codes. One will take you directly to ABATE of Illinois website and the other takes you to Starved Rock Chapter Facebook page. Thanks April!

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

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.

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

Spring Fling Saturday May 6, 2023 at Jack's Tap in Spring Valley. A brief meeting will be held at 5pm. There will be a chicken buffet for \$20.00/per person. Marci will have a signup sheet and will start collecting money at the March meeting. Southern Breeze will be the entertainment. It would be greatly appreciated if members could collect gift cards or other donations to give away at the Spring Fling and for prizes at the Membership Run in June. Thank you in advance!

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

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

For Starved Rock Chapter clothing and other items: Check out this site. <http://Allpointsprinting.com> 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 Officer





Twin Rivers Chapter

Odie, Jennifer and Kevin, John and Mary Lou, Chuck & Sue and yours

truly went to the NW Region Chili Shootout on February 4th. When the judging was finished we had two winners! Odie got 2nd place in the mild category and Jennifer took the top honor by winning the people's choice! There were about 20 different pots of chili to choose from including a seafood one. There were baked goodies, a silent and live auction and a nice sized crowd. Even the weather cooperated for a change.

We missed seeing Denver and Becky- he broke his leg awhile back and has had to have surgery on it. So we wish him a speedy recovery. Another member Ann Westlund has had some health problems also and we hope she

gets well soon.

Our big fundraising event will be at the end of this month and I'm going to predict it will be a huge success. We have a good group of volunteers which always makes it an enjoyable time.

People talk about dog days of summer, but I think February is the worst month as far as boredom goes. But it is a good time to go out and check your motorcycle over for things that need to be replaced or fixed. Your bike will always appreciate a good wash and wax. Then when the sun pops out in March you will be ready to hit the open road. Stay safe,

Northeast Region Report 2/10/23

Congratulations to Judy Kaenel of the DuKane Chapter for receiving the Rich Neb Award at the State Seminar in January. For those who don't know, Judy was DuKane's chapter President for more than ten years and very active fighting for motorcyclist rights not only in DuPage and Kane Counties but throughout the state until a health issue arose a few years ago. Her husband Wally Elliott was in attendance when she received the award.

Congratulations also go to the Chicago Chapter for 35 years perfect attendance at State Board of Directors meetings.

More than a dozen members of the Northeast Region met ahead of the Saturday morning session. Upcoming chapter events were discussed and are listed below. We need as many Northeast Region members as possible to attend Legislative Day in Springfield on March 22nd. Legislators who were re-elected know about ABATE but like seeing constituents from their district. A lot of new faces took their seats in both chambers and need to be spoken with. Please make plans to attend!

Upcoming Region Events:

- Our next region meeting is Sunday March 19, 12 PM at Bowlero in Glendale Heights. Stick around and support DuKane Chapter's Bowl-a-thon. Registration starts at 1 PM, bowling at 2 PM.
- Northern Illinois Chapter will be hosting a Chili Cook-off Saturday March 25, 6PM at Harbor Brewing in Lake Villa.

-Will County Chapter is hosting their Winter Triathlon at Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon, Joliet on Sunday March 11, registration at 11 AM, play begins at 12 PM.

Rich Gruner

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Northern Illinois Chapter

Northern Illinois Update 2.10.23

Northern Illinois' most recent chapter meeting was held on January 28th, one week after the 2023 State Seminar. Four members of Northern Illinois attended the State Seminar along with four other chapters from the region in Springfield. Diane, Mike, Rich and Vicki each spoke to the membership on what they took from the general session, the educational breakout sessions and social events that occurred. They all learned a lot and had a good time. Further, they encouraged more participation in next year's seminar that will be held on January 19 & 20, 2024.

President Rich and Membership Director Diane met with one of our state's newest legislators, Nabeela Syed, over breakfast on January 7th. She is a 23 year old community activist from Inverness who unseated Chris Bos last November. She rode a stand up scooter around her college campus and is interested in perhaps riding a scooter or small motorcycle in the future.

Rich and Diane discussed what ABATE does for motorcyclists and asked for her support in Springfield. She is also interested in speaking to our group once she is settled in her new office.

Plans are well underway for our Chili Cook-off to be held on Saturday March 25, 6 PM at Harbor Brewing in Lake Villa. We invite everyone to attend. Flyers have been posted to our social media sites.

Northern is looking forward to selling bike raffle tickets and memberships at the next Walneck's Swap Meet coming up on April 23. These are held at the McHenry County fairgrounds in Woodstock beginning at 8 AM. Discussion centered on purchasing a small pop up tent to protect volunteers from sun or rain at the events and volunteer shifts. Additional dates for 2023 are June 25, August 20 and October 15.

Rich Gruner





Hello from DuKane ABATE!

Happy March everyone! It is getting warmer which means it is time to get out and enjoy some much-needed wind therapy. I know that once the salt is washed away by a couple of thunderstorms, I will be out on the roads for sure!

Motorcyclist and MC Profiling is something that the DuKane Chapter works extremely hard to eradicate in DuPage and Kane County. We have been working with local businesses and government agencies to ensure that this practice has no place in our area or any area! One thing we are also doing is letting motorcyclists know who ISN'T practicing this, so that they go and support those businesses back. It is important that we support those that support motorcyclists and MCs. Businesses like Otto's in Lombard, Nel's in Lisle, and DeMito's Saloon in Villa Park do use Motorcyclist/MC Profiling practices and do NOT deserve our hard-earned money!

We have so many momentous events coming up thanks to our Events Officer Chris Newman and his hard work. On March 19th it is the 6th Annual DuKane ABC - ABATE Bowling Classic at Bowlero in Glendale Heights. This event is supported by The Toy Shop & Motolounge, Law Tigers Chicagoland, and The Sycamore Speedway. We thank them all for their continued support! The bowling event starts at 1pm - preceded by an ABATE of Illinois Northeast Region Meeting at noon - and is only \$15 per bowler including shoes! For only \$10 more, you can participate in our 9 pin no tap tournament where the winner is guaranteed a \$100 cash prize! This is [a great event](#) that goes to a great cause in our DuKane Downed Riders Budget. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Planning is already underway for the 37th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run on October 8th. The Elburn Stage at Knuckleheads Tavern will kick off with music by The Cave Dwellers at 9:30am and the Sycamore Speedway Stage will see music by Mock Star. If you are a hair band music lover, you will not want to miss them! Big thanks go to Toga Talent Agency for providing the musical entertainment. The ride will be - once again - escorted by the Kane County Sheriff's Department (Thank you Sheriff Ron Hain!) and will see a great after party at the Sycamore Speedway. There are many more details coming, so stay tuned. Get October 8th on your calendar now. It is for the kids!

We look forward to seeing many of you at the ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day on March 22nd in Springfield. [Randy Ramey, Mark Garrison, John Bloch, Nathan Klapatch, and I will all be in attendance to speak with our Elected Officials.](#) It will be a fantastic way to get to work on the many issues that motorcyclists are facing in DuPage and Kane County.

Make sure to join us on March 21st 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.

Spring is coming soon, and we cannot wait to see everyone out on the road! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Get Out - Ride Safe - Ride Free

Chris Hansen

6th Annual DUKANE ABATE ABC - ABATE BOWLING CLASSIC

558 E. North Avenue
Glendale Heights, IL 60139

SUNDAY 19 MAR 1:00 PM	ENTRY \$15	9 PIN NO TAP TOURNAMENT ADDITIONAL \$10
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<https://dukaneabateil.org/events/abc/>

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, RT 47 AND NORTH ST. 9:30AM. GREAT COFFEE IS ACROSS THE STREET AT THE CORNER GRIND. HOT BREAKFAST SERVED BY RISE N DINE. THE CAVE DWELLERS ARE ON STAGE. PARADE LEAVES AT 12:30 SHARP.

FULLY ESCORTED RIDE TO SYCAMORE SPEEDWAY

MOCK STAR ROCKS THE MAIN STAGE

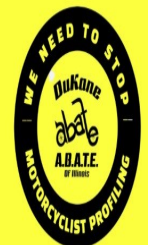
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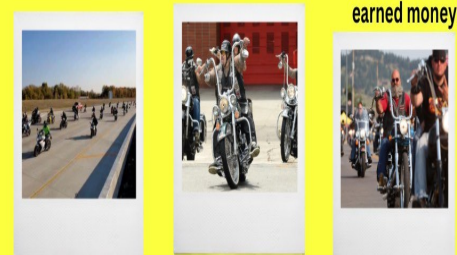
QUESTIONS? EMAIL CHRIS AT DUKANEEVENTS@GMAIL.COM

Businesses in DuPage and Kane County **NOT** practicing Motorcyclist/MC Profiling:

- Brauer House - Lombard, IL
- Stillin's Pub - Lisle, IL
- Bunker Bar & Grill - West Chicago, IL
- The Pub - Carol Stream, IL
- West Chicago American Legion - West Chicago, IL
- Knuckleheads Tavern - Elburn, IL
- Maple Park Pub - Maple Park, IL
- H-D Rockers - Maple Park, IL



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





**South
Suburban
Chapter**

CALLING ALL SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAPTER MEMBERS your presence at the March member meeting is critical and your input necessary in the efforts

of planning our Topless Tour Run on Saturday, June 10, 2023. We have decisions to discuss and confirm best plan of action, therefore, your suggestions, ideas, comments can make a BIG difference in a successful event for our chapter or a bust for our existence.

Members are encouraged to bring a friend.

Chapter Board meeting is on...

Thursday, March 16, 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,
Nick Savas, Activities and Public Relations
Daisy Perez, Chapter President, BOD Rep



**Will
County
Chapter**

March 2023

Thanks to everyone who attended our

February meeting. We are certainly excited about a few fun ideas for the coming season! Our monthly meetings will now be held consistently on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Stone City V.F.W Post 2199. Our goal will be to have a small and informal meet up the following Sunday for those unable to attend the Wednesday meetings. The details for the Sunday events will be provided via our Facebook page after the monthly meetings, so more to come! Any members interested in supporting our Safety & Education efforts, please reach out via email or join us at the next meeting. The Triathlon event will take place on Sunday March 12th at Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon, registration at 11a and games will begin at noon. The Triathlon event is open to ALL, so bring a friend and join us! We are working on planning the 2023 Book Run event and books will be available by mid-April. Many of our members expressed interest in having a 20th anniversary celebration for the Will County ABATE Chapter- tentatively, this will be held on April 29th at Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon. We will be working to pull all the pieces together over the next few weeks!

Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events-

March 8th 7:30pm- monthly meeting, Stone City V.F.W Post 2199.

March 12th 11a- registration for Triathlon, Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon.

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

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

April 29th -Will County ABATE Chapter 20th anniversary celebration.

Follow us on Facebook- Will County Chapter, ABATE of Illinois, Will County ABATE Chapter Events, & 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 Kelly

**WILL COUNTY ABATE
2023 WINTER TRIATHLON**

-Sunday March 12th-

Registration: 11am

Games Begin: 12 noon

\$20 entry fee per participant
(includes pool, darts, bags, and pizza)
\$10 for pizza only

**>>> Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon
1117 Plainfield Rd
Joliet**

Prizes will be awarded based on the number of participants



JOIN THE GAMES!



**Chicago
Chapter**

Chicago ABATE Chapter

Can you feel that Spring is around the corner? The members of Chicago ABATE sure can! With that being said it's a great time to start inspecting your iron horse using the T-Clock method, and ready hit the road & enjoy our freedom to ride the way we want.

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

At this years ABATE of Illinois State Seminar, we were very proud to earn an award for perfect attendance for our 35th year. That's an AWESOME Award.



When this newsletter gets distributed, we would have hosted our 35th Annual Chili Cookoff & Jalapeno Pepper Eating Contest. We want to thank all of our family, friends & supporters in making our 35th Chili Cookoff a great success.

Our Safety & Education Officer Ivan "Cookie" Lugo has been in contact with many high schools & getting these presentations scheduled for the upcoming months.

Chicago ABATE has a few upcoming events that you should definitely keep an eye for.

Come Bowl with Chicago ABATE Event

35th Annual Spring Fling Event & Much more!

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

STATELINE RIDERS

Hey all Stateline Riders just want to let everyone know what our schedule looks like for this year our state line Riders officers went to the Abate Illinois seminar 2023 they came back with some very interesting information things for our State Line Riders they now have legal protection in case of accident. Also talked about motorcycle profiling we also discussed upcoming meetings we had our meeting in January on January 27th at Lola's while there we also discussed a bit of Illinois Abate first aid and traffic laws I think we all need to be updated on what we can do in case of emergency and how we direct traffic if there was a serious situation I think all the officers come back with a lot of good information so our next meeting is February 11th meeting at 1:00 at Murdoch's in Loda Il. looking forward to seeing some new and old faces we do have a good calendar year we just need our State Line Riders to participate also any State Line Rider check your membership and see Amy or any officer to renew your membership our next meeting will be in March on the 18th at the Beaverville Pub in Beaverville at 1:00 hope we have some good riding days coming up I think we need to do rides as a Chapter also... April 22nd meeting at 1:00 and we're also having a

broomstick pool tournament sign up at The Silo Pub in Watseka by noon this should be a very good turnout we have a lot of pool players and a lot of friends let's make it a good day! Also May 11th meeting and luncheon at The Silo Pub in Watseka more TBA. Our State Line Riders officers and very few members are trying very hard to keep our Abate together I asked that you all take a step back and think about what it means to you and what it's for and how we help each other and how we help the public whenever possible. And our Young man who is a life time member Blake Kinnett, We do a ride every year for ALD. All proceeds go right back into ALD to help find a cure, We Love the Kinnett Family!! We will be having Blake's run on June 3rd on June 3rd we sign up at the pump in Hoopeston is from 10:00 to 12:00 we will not have a meeting on this day kickstands up at noon hope to see a lot of you there. Now the meeting on July 22nd is at Kettles in Roberts Illinois at 1:00 also on August 26th we will be doing the Watseka family Festival again this year we would like some volunteers, was a very awesome time good music and bands meet a lot of people and get more membership. Signing off. News Letter Coordinator, Lisa Ulitzsch

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Heart of Illinois Chapter

Hello everyone. We would like to remind everyone of a few dates.

March 11th will be our bag tournament and chili cook off held at the Eagles in Bloomington with sign up starting at noon and the tournament will begin at 1pm with a blind draw. We are working on putting together a first responders ride hopefully in April or May. The plan is to visit smaller towns and take a care package to the responders to say thank you. If you have ideas for this ride or other events, you would like to see the chapter host please join us at our monthly meetings. May is motorcycle awareness month and the freedom ride will take place on Sunday May 7th. Those wanting to ride together with the chapter we will meet at the Funks Grove rest stop around 9am then meet others in Lincoln before heading to Springfield. It would be wonderful to see the parking lot overflowing with bikes as in the past. The chapter is working

on getting all of our member's email addresses updated to make it easier to get information out to all of you. We are still searching for a location to hold an event weekend. We have also been working on cleaning up the chapter logo and have a couple of great designs submitted so far. We will be taking a vote on these in the next few months so please come to the meeting to give your input before we take it to the board meeting. Chapter meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month starting at 7pm at the Eagles in Bloomington. Hope to see more of your happy faces at our next meeting. This is your chapter and we need to hear YOUR voices.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH,

MELISSA





Old River Chapter

Hello members, neighbors, and other friends!

There is not much happening with Old River right now.

I do have a few driver's education classes booked. The first is Wednesday, March 1st in St. Elmo High School from 12:23 - 1:05. Then I will be in Altamont High School on Wednesday, April 19th, at 8-9:22 and again at 10:49-12:12. Contact me if you want to give me a hand.

Your current officers and reps for

2023:

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Feel free to contact them and 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, March 9th. Mark your calendar and come on out to the "W". We will probably discuss things to do in 2023, and can use your help... what would you like to do with Old River this year?

Before I wrap this up, please mention my motorcycles in the classified section of this paper if you know of anybody that is thinking about getting a nice motorcycle or two. Don't worry about me, for various reasons I just don't ride as much as I use to and still have my Guzzi, so I am okay.

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



On the 28th of January 2023 The Chapter had our Broomstick and Chili Cook-off and I am here to say it turned out Great We Had 6 different chapter 3 State E- Board members present and everyone had a great Time. Next on the Agenda is going to be setting up Mega Raffle we will be needing All members from our chapter's help



Liberty Chapter

Liberty Chapter news for March 2022

We had a successful Anniversary party, celebrating 36 years of YOUR Liberty Chapter, did you attend? We had a good turnout with a lot of great items in our auctions. Congratulations to all our winners in the various raffles we had throughout the evening. A big Thank You to all who supported our event, those who donated time and items, and those who showed up and participated in our raffles, just attending, and keeping your membership active shows your support for all of our chapter activities.

Now that our party is in the rear view mirrors, we can look forward to other events- such as our State Legislative Day on Wednesday March 22. This event happens in Springfield, where members of ABATE will meet with various members of the Legislature and discuss current issues facing us today. We will be meeting at Floyd's Thirst Parlor, 8-9 am and from there travel the 4 blocks to the Capitol. We will need a good turnout for this event, because we are facing several fights in the Statehouse. Following a day at the Capitol there will be a reception at 6 pm at Floyd's. Many representatives attend this event and look for people from there districts, which is why we need you to attend.

This brings us to bills we are watching- HB2053/SB1471, a bill regulating Autonomous Vehicles. Certain brands of these have a tendency to run over motorcycles.

SB245-is a bill we support removing mandatory retesting for drivers over 75 years old and treats them equally as other drivers. SB1405 is a bill that increases penalties for DUI drivers that kill someone. And SB1248 is a bill overhauling LED lighting. In the world of politics some bills move with lightning speed while others seem stuck in a glacier. Have you signed up on the state website, abate-il.org with your membership and your email address? You can receive updates as they happen from emails, keeping you in the loop on the issues bikers face.

Keep an eye on our website, liberty-abate.org, as we are looking for a site overhaul. Keep checking back, and take a look at our sponsor page, we have some great businesses on there that help keep Liberty chapter functioning by supporting us, so let's show them some love and support them. And since you are shopping at a local businesses, you are helping your community, as most of the money spent here, stays here. Its a win-win for us all.

Events-March 12 Monthly meeting at the Mattoon Moose

March 19, Swap Meet 8 am, Orr building Spingfield state fair-grounds. Do you know of any vendors who would like to participate? It is only \$50.00.

March 22, Legislative day in Springfield. 8 am

Joel Wannemacher



**Lincoln
Land
Chapter**

Here we are getting ever closer to the 2023 riding season. There is a lot in store for us this year.

Our activity level went from 0-100 overnight, actually maybe only 60 mph but it sure does feel like a great year ahead mph. lol.

As I write this I think of what it is going to be like watching the action from the audience. Yes, for those of you that don't know, this will be my last year as your President. We are hard at work showing others the ropes and laying out a "book" that DOES EXIST, showing what the President does month to month as well as for the entire year. It is up to us as leaders to ensure the smoothest of transitions from one officer to the next. There's absolutely no reason to make it hard on the next individual to take over. Right now Sandy Cantrall is shadowing me at every move to get a better understanding as it comes. Also learning the ropes with all of my records from the years prior. It is up to us to walk our future leaders through each process so they're not left in the dark.

It is also encouraged to send your prospective officers to State Seminar to learn things from the breakout sessions. I have said from the beginning, we work as a team, and Lin-

coln Land has worked hand in hand for many years. That's why we get things done with few complications. This not only works at the chapter level, but at the state level as well. If there is anything the state puts on in your area, your chapter should be willing to help as much as possible. Especially this year 2023. Sharilyn is taking on one of the toughest jobs on the E-Board. She's starting from scratch and needs all of our assistance. For Lincoln Land, many of the state functions are in our back yard. That puts us in a unique situation to help as much as we can. It will take great communication between our chapter and Sharilyn, as well as teamwork to make us all successful. Understand, just because its in Springfield, It doesn't mean all the other chapters are off the hook. We are calling for ALL HANDS / CHAPTERS ON DECK. Lincoln Land could also use the help of others closest to us. I'm sure we are going to have growing pains, but if you're not willing to help make us successful, then you're actually setting us up for failure as an organization. At all levels, let's give it our all for ABATE of ILLINOIS this year.

Thanks, Ride safe and Responsible!!!
Rudedog 217-622-9275

WEST CENTRAL



**St. Clair
County
Chapter**

Our February meeting at TR's Place was brought to order at 7pm sharp by Sgt. @Arms River Rat. The manager

of TR's overbooked the meeting room with a huge party, so we attempted to have a meeting in the bar area. The place is very busy on a Thursday night, so it was next to impossible to hear or conduct business. Michelle made copies of the minutes and I made copies of the legislative report so we did the best we could under the circumstances. The only thing we voted on was to hold a March meeting on the 9th in the back room at TR's Place. Bill Jacobs' name was drawn for the monthly membership drawing and he was not there, so he lost out on \$110.00. We did not hold a 50/50 as it was too chaotic. The February meeting was supposed to be sponsored by local lawyer and motorcycle enthusiast Andy Toennies. In lieu of TR's overbooking our meeting they gave us a hundred wings free of charge so Andy will be sponsoring the March meeting. Andy will be paying for one hundred wings & two large pizzas, and you will have to see his face yet again on the meeting reminder post card we send out.

Sheila has the marble books for the regional Marble Book Run, there is 43 stops, and you have all summer to hit them. The deadline is September 30th The night of the Marble Party in Nashville.

Legislative Day is Wednesday March 22nd in Springfield. See the legislative report in the front of this newsletter for details. There will be a couple of us going from this chapter and we will discuss our meet and departure point at the March meeting. If you have never lobbied your government before then this is an excellent time to get your feet wet as there will be a bunch of us there.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and our annual Anniversary Ride. Rich & Renie has ordered us some "Start Seeing Motorcycles" signs from ABATE of Illinois inc. We hope to be distributing them at the April meeting. I want someone to make a motion that every member that comes to the April meeting gets a free sign otherwise they are 5 bucks each. The date for our Anniversary Ride hasn't been set yet but I can assure you it won't be on Mother's Day.

If you are a race fan of professional motorcycle racing, then Illinois is the place to be this summer. We have four AFT Pro races here this summer. The first one is the Duquoin Mile on June 17th in Duquoin of course. The next one is July 30 in

Peoria Illinois and is the Peoria TT. After that comes the World-Famous Springfield Mile September 2nd and 3rd. It is a double header with two complete races two days in a row and is always a great time. We will have the ABATE Raffle Bike at these events, and you can help sell tickets if you want. Like I stated above, our next meeting is March 9th at 7pm at TR's Place in Belleville Illinois. Free food provided by Andy Toenies, Attorney at Law LLC. Hope to see a full house. Mike Galagher
President & Legislative Officer.

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SW REGION COORDINATOR REPORT

As SE Region Coordinator I went to visit another chapter in the region. It was the first time I have done that since becoming region coordinator again. The chapter was one that I had never visited before and prior to the meeting I didn't know anyone from that Chapter. I'd like to thank them for the friendly and warm welcome. It seems like their chapter is doing well and may have a pretty good year. I plan to return for at least one of their events and plan to try and make it to at least one meeting of the other chapters in the area this year as well.

One minor thing did happen at that meeting. I asked what they did to recruit new members. I did this because I believe we are not going to retain to be able to retain our old members when the reason they are no longer members is they have passed away. This means we need to be recruiting new members. In the discussion that followed I brought up contacting younger riders, including the sport bike riders.

At first, that part of the conversation didn't go well. This is probably a good time for me to point out that while I ride a touring bike now, when I was 30 or 40 years younger I was one of "them". I used to own performance style motorcycles and thought "why in the world would I want a Harley Davidson (or a Goldwing)?" Fortunately I grew older.

Anyway, one member thought it was a bad idea to invite sport bike riders to our events. They had a poker run or some such ride and had some sport bike riders sign up to participate. During the ride the sport bike guys rode err...in a dangerous manner. I had to admit, the guy had a point, riding in the middle of a group of people on cruising bikes is not the time or the place to be doing wheelies, stoppies etc. And, in some areas when you are riding in a group of sport bike riders, riding stunts is accepted behavior (maybe even expected behavior).

Unfortunately, I have also ridden with some people doing some pretty stupid things on their cruiser as well. Maybe not so much stunt riding, but just because your bagger will run 100 MPH from one bar to next does not mean you should do so and, I have to admit, I've done some of those really stupid things on a motorcycle myself. We should not give up on reaching out to this group of people because they occasionally do what we consider to be stupid things (lane filtering or splitting is a topic for another discussion)

My point being that the young guys (or girls) on the sport bikes now (If they are still around) will probably be the core of ABATE in 30 years if ABATE is still around. It probably won't be unless we can get younger people interested in motorcycle rights.

Bobby



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Date February 11th, 2023, MRF Report to ABATE of Illinois

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For a little more information why I missed the seminar. Surgery for an Incisional Hernia Repair, and Bilateral Inguinal Hernia Repair 1/20/2023. It ran two hours later then was set for, plus ran a full hour and a half on the table. It was 8:00 PM once all done and checked into hospital room for the night. Home around 3:00 PM Saturday afternoon 1/21/2023. Recovery has been slow, but I believe I've turned that corner, and pushing forward as of this writing.

Some other health issue that have pushed their head into the picture that can be controlled with a little work on my part.

- Atrial Fibrillation ("New to me this year.")
- Diabetes ("New to me this year.") Early stage.
- High Blood Pressure ("Had it since January 2017")
- CPAP ("Had it since 2008")
- Diverticulitis ("Had it since the 1990's")

A big thank you goes out to Paulette Korte for setting in for me at the MRF table and signing up any and all members. Thank you Paulette Korte!!

Now on to the road to recovery and getting back to somewhat Normal again? It I have a normal to look forward too? "LOL"

I will not be making the driver to Springfield IL for the next BOD meeting. Not sure my body is ready for that drive and the Illinois roads!!

Date	Chapter Meetings 2023
3/01	Richland County
3/02	Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County
3/03	
3/04	So Illinois 27
3/05	Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz, Shawnee Hills
3/06	
3/07	Freedom Riders
3/08	Will County
3/09	Heart of Illinois, Old River, St. Clair
3/10	
3/11	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads
3/12	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Kishwaukee Valley, Liberty, Windy City, Ten Mile Creek,
3/13	
3/14	Midstate
3/15	Chicago
3/16	South Suburban
3/17	
3/18	Black Diamond
3/19	Freeport, Prairieland
3/20	Tri County
3/21	DuKane, Lincoln Land
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3/25	Northern Illinois, Open Roads
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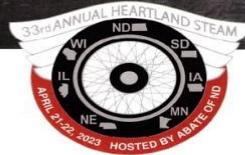
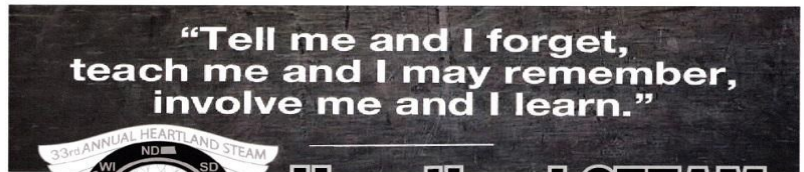
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Thank You Freeport Chapter for your \$200 donation to the DC Trip.

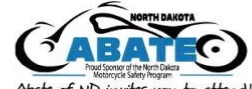
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A Seminar to Educate and Motivate

April 21st - 22nd, 2023
Ramada Inn - Bismarck



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Mention ABATE/Heartland STEAM. \$99pp - room rate valid until April 7th, 2023.

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Bro Darrell 217-774-7809 Shelbyville (11/21)

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BLACK DIAMOND CHAPTER	525 S BROAD ST	CARLINVILLE	IL	62626	217/710-9338	DANNY	9/1994	1/1/2023	SW	
BLACKHAWK CHAPTER	PO BOX 332	E MOLINE	IL	61244-0332	309/269-2355	MARVIN	7/1987	1/1/2023	NW	
CENTRAL IL CHAPTER	PO BOX 1084	GALESBURG	IL	61402-1084	309/550-4470	BOB	7/1985	1/1/2023	WC	
CHICAGO CHAPTER	PO BOX 410594	CHICAGO	IL	60641	708/280-6053	PAT	1/1986	1/10/2023	NE	27-28
CRAWFORD COUNTY CHAPTER	4437 N 1500TH ST	FLAT ROCK	IL	62427	618/804-9168	ROY	1/1987	1/1/2023	SE	
DUKANE CHAPTER	PO BOX 188	W CHICAGO	IL	60186-0188	630-618-7551	CHRIS	1/1987	1/1/2023	NE	26
EASTERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER	PO BOX 6132	CHAMPAIGN	IL	61826-6132	217-898-7414	CHUCK	12/1986	12/30/2022	EC	
EMBARRAS VALLEY CHAPTER	303 N LOCUST	ARCOLA	IL	61910	217-480-5212	SHARILYN	2/2000	1/15/2021	EC	
FREEBIRD CHAPTER	PO BOX 278	MANITO	IL	61546-0278	309-840-1616	JIM	11/1993	1/1/2023	WC	
FREEDOM RIDERS CHAPTER	1241 S COLLEGE	SALEM	IL	62881	618-548-5695	CLIFFORD (DOG)	1/1987	1/5/2021	SE	
FREEDOM VALLEY CHAPTER	PO BOX 6563	PEORIA	IL	61601	309-678-0554	BRUCE	10/2001	1/31/2022	WC	
FREEPORT CHAPTER	PO BOX 205	FREEPORT	IL	61032-0205	815-543-0281	DAN	3/1986	1/1/2023	NW	22
HEART OF ILLINOIS CHAPTER	PO BOX 525	MACKINAW	IL	61571-0525	309-696-0450	SONYA	6/1986	1/12/2023	EC	28
KASKASKIA VALLEY CHAPTER	215 E NOLEMAN	CENTRALIA	IL	62801	618-292-3005	TROY	4/2006	1/1/2022	SW	
KISHWAUKEE VALLEY CHAPTER	PO BOX 2783	LOVES PARK	IL	61132	815/721-7728	LIZ	8/1989	1/1/2023	NW	
LAMOINE VALLEY CHAPTER	PO BOX 512	DALLAS CITY	IL	62330-0512	319-759-2459	JOE	6/1988	1/1/2021	WC	
LIBERTY CHAPTER	PO BOX 1502	MATTOON	IL	61938	217-232-8467	HENRY	2/1987	1/1/2023	EC	29
LINCOLN LAND CHAPTER	PO BOX 5774	SPRINGFIELD	IL	62705-5774	217-662-9275	DWAYNE (RUDEDOG)	10/1986	1/1/2023	WC	30
MID-STATE CHAPTER	PO BOX 531	TAYLORVILLE	IL	62568-0531	217/891-1779	TONY	3/1993	1/20/2023	EC	
NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER	PO BOX 496	LAKE VILLA	IL	60046-0496	847-533-8349	RICH	10/1986	1/1/2023	NE	25
OLD RIVER CHAPTER	PO BOX 182	SHELBYVILLE	IL	62565-0182	217/774-5883	LARRY	2/1987	1/20/2023	EC	29
OPEN ROADS CHAPTER	PO BOX 428	SANDWICH	IL	60548-0428	630-552-3828	CLIFF	1/1992	1/1/2023	NW	20-21
PATHFINDERS CHAPTER	PO BOX 92	MT STERLING	IL	62353-0092	217/257-6818	BILL	2/2008	3/1/2019	WC	
PEO-TAZ CHAPTER	PO BOX 5936	PEORIA	IL	61601-5936	309/989-2225	DAVE	10/1986	1/20/2023	WC	
PIASA-GATEWAY CHAPTER	PO BOX 363	E ALTON	IL	62024-0363	618/696-2273	MELONY	10/1986	1/1/2023	SW	
PRAIRIELAND CHAPTER	1901 RAILROAD AVE	DECATUR	IL	62526	217/521-9547	JEREMY	4/1987	1/1/2023	EC	
RICHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER	PO BOX 121	OLNEY	IL	62450-0121	618/354-8360	TIM	4/2012	1/1/2021	SE	
SALT CREEK CHAPTER	720 N KANKAKEE	LINCOLN	IL	62656	309/825-7363	GERALD	1/1993	1/20/2023	EC	
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ST CLAIR COUNTY CHAPTER	PO BOX 235	FREEBURG	IL	62243-0235	618/791-5033	MIKE	5/1991	1/15/2023	SW	30
STARVED ROCK CHAPTER	2386 500 N RD	TOLUCA	IL	61369	815/488-1538	DON	10/1997	1/1/2023	NW	23-24
STATE LINE RIDERS CHAPTER	114 N WALNUT	MILFORD	IL	60953	815/867-0797	TIM	12/2002	2/4/2022	EC	28
TEN MILE CREEK CHAPTER	1325 W OAK PARK DR	DECATUR	IL	62526	217/620-1707	SCOTT (SCOOTER)	4/2017	1/1/2023	EC	29
THUNDER ROCK CHAPTER	6131 N KNOLL ST	MONROE CENTER	IL	61052	815/978-9210	BOB	2/2000	1/1/2023	NW	22-23
TRI-COUNTY CHAPTER	PO BOX 1513	JACKSONVILLE	IL	62651-1513	217/320-7330	JEFF	8/2004	1/20/2023	WC	
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