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# LEGISLATIVE

## REPORT

By Josh "SKI"  
Witkowski



**Driverless cars are killing bikers** – ABATE is planning days of action to bring attention to the issue of driverless cars killing bikers. I first wrote a public piece about this

issue 6 years ago, and it is beyond time to protect our Brothers and Sisters on the road. As of the writing of this article, we don't have confirmed dates for our action. ABATE is looking at late May through June timeframe right now. It's time to get loud ABATE, please check with your chapter legislative coordinators, and email me at [legislative@abate-il.org](mailto:legislative@abate-il.org) for more information.

**ALSO, Legislative Day T-Shirts have been made available as part of a reprint.** Get your "My Life is not a Field Test" t-shirts today by heading to [www.abate-il.org](http://www.abate-il.org). Again, VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO KASKASKIA VALLEY ABATE – Their sizeable donation to legislative made the t-shirts possible which made a huge impact on how ABATE was seen at the Capitol. Per BOD motion, re-print shirts are being made available at near cost (\$10 for S-2XL, \$11.50 3XL, \$14 4XL) to encourage their purchase. They should be available for pick up at the June BOD meeting and State Party as well. The last day to Order is Memorial Day, Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that this is being done through legislative, not the interim products coordinator, so all inquiries about the shirts should be made to [legislative@abate-il.org](mailto:legislative@abate-il.org).

**BEWARE the Motorcycle Industry Council** – As part of our fight on Autonomous vehicles, ABATE introduced HB2053 which would've protected motorcyclists' interests by requiring driverless cars to undergo testing before being released on public roads. Unfortunately, a newer group out of DC called the Motorcycle Industry Council has entered the discussion in Illinois and is trying to position themselves as the authority on motorcyclist concerns on driverless vehicles. The MIC does not represent a single American company, they only represent the interests of manufacturing companies who want public road testing of this technology. ABATE will work to educate lawmakers about this group and why they do not represent motorcyclists in Illinois.

Legislation still active that ABATE is **Supporting:**

**HB2582 (Passed House, Currently in the Senate)** – Removes a duplicative testing requirement on motorcyclists under 18. Riders under 18 would still be required to take the 20hr MSF course, but not required to test again at an SOS facility after having just passed a more rigorous test in the MSF class. SOS

is supporting this measure.

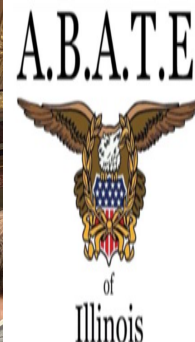
**HB2231 (Passed House, Currently in the Senate)** – This bill would remove special legal protections from UBER and the like that shields them from legal liability. In 2017, an UBER driver turned left in front of 2 young riders in Springfield, killing them. If the driver had been working for any other company, the company would've been held liable, but since it was UBER, they were held blameless. HB2231 removes that protection and puts UBER on the same legal plane as taxi and freight companies.

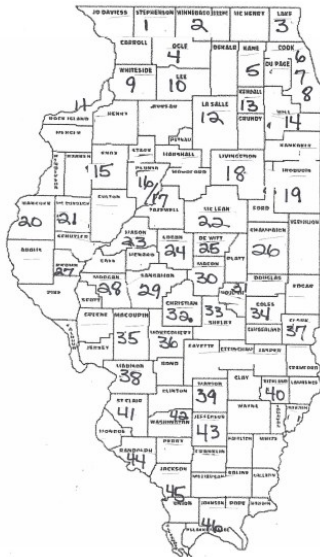
**SB896 (Passed Senate, Currently in House)** – Legalizes Red LED underglow while braking, and legalizes LED insert turn signals, wrap around signals, and handlebar signals. Thanks to the Illinois State Police for helping us draft language on the issue. This bill is being picked up by Rep Hanson & Sanilitro. It will face one Amendment in the house and hopefully pass after that.

**SB2028 (Passed Senate, Currently in House)** – Updates Driver's Education Material to include best practices to be safe around disabled vehicles and stranded motorists, including motorcycles.

**UPDATE on Motorcycle Safety Classes** – IDOT has awarded the Northern training center grant for 2023 to Ride for Change, Ride for Hope Foundation. ABATE is currently investigating how this decision was reached as this foundation does not appear to have the infrastructure to provide the classes per the terms of the grant. The 2024-2026 grant applications are in review as of the time of this article being published.

**Finally, May 6th & 7th Freedom Fest and Freedom Rally;** Please join in the festivities at the Freedom Fest and attend the Freedom Rally for a great ride to the Capitol. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and let's get out there are show who we are! See you all there.





**Northwest Region Chapters**

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

**West Central Region Chapters**

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

**Southwest Region**

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

**Northeast Region Chapters**

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

**East Central Region Chapters**

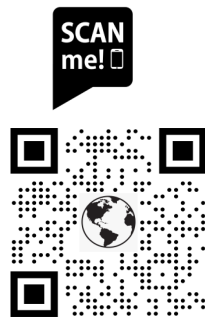
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**What is ABATE?**

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



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State  
Coordinator

Hello again fellow A.B.A.T.E. riders and members.

Riding season is upon us again, and it's time to get our bikes ready for the road. Those of us that are old hands at doing this, have a set routine, to what I like to call "waking up my ride". We check tire pressures, and tire conditions. Pull the side covers and seats to check wires and batteries. Then check air filters for rodent damage. We know to take it out for a short run to test brakes, lights, clutch and to reacquaint ourselves with the handling. Also, the first time out, we know we are going to have to re-educate the public. Drivers out there will not be used to seeing us, so we know we have to take extra precautions on the roads. We know that road conditions may have changed due to the long winter. We know that construction is starting, and that farm equipment will be moving. We've learned all of this from years of riding, but I'm betting someone in our past, years ago because they wanted us to ride safely and be able to pass this information on to the next generation of riders, gave us their "wake up my bike" information. So be that rider that cares enough about their fellow riders and pass on your "waking up my ride" routine to the new riders in your area. You may just be the one that saves a family member, someone's son, daughter, or a new friend's life. That's what the biking world is all about, caring, helping, and looking out for each other. That's A.B.A.T.E.

In closing as always ride safe and thank you so very much for being a part of A.B.A.T.E.

**Robert "Mouse" Ellinger**



Assistant State  
Coordinator

No article submitted.



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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.

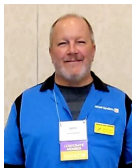
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Safety and Ed  
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**UPDATE: Thursday-  
April 13, 2023**

12 Motorcycle Fatalities.  
Wednesday- April 12, 2023 Illinois Motorcycle Fatality

Report just hit "10" for the number of Motorcyclists that have died in Illinois so far this year. #5 on my list below is the most problematic issue that Injures and Kills Most Motorcyclist's. I know because I have been hit twice and totaled out 2 Harleys in the process. Once in Texas and another in Iowa. Both times someone took a left coming towards me in my direction...

Please keep your eyes and ears open and be alert for Motorcycles.

**John Anderson**



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Products  
Coordinator

**Good day to all ABATE of Illinois members.**

Hope everyone is if not already out and riding for the season.

Do you have your ABATE apparel freshened up along with the 2023 riding season?

Hats, gloves, shirts, scarves, glasses, sweatshirt, boots, pants, pins, and cups.

Oops not all of this is available in products, but some things are!!

Are all rockers stitched on your vest or jacket?

Are you an officer to your chapter and need a



rocker that says that?

Will have some of these items at the Freedom Rally on May 7, 2023.

**Come and check the ABATE Products out.**

We are about Motorcycling, Motorcycling Rights and Education.

Thank goodness we all have different personalities. We as motorcyclists need to stop profiling ourselves and concentrate on our fundamental enjoyment of motorcycles.

*Thank you for all you do.*

**Paulette Korte INTERIM Board appointed Products for ABATE of Illinois**



Activities  
Coordinator

Greetings,

Oh my gosh it's been a busy month, lots of stuff to get done and ready for the kick off a Motorcycle Awareness Month all of May.

The Freedom Fest pre Party is fun to attend... then I am planning on seeing everyone at the Freedom Ride May 7th we'll meet at the north parking lot of IDOT 8:00am in the morning until 1:00pm. Keep those bikes rolling in.

We have vendors lined up and ABATE of Illinois Products will be onsite.

I put orders in for great weather and lots of riders coming and returning safely.

It's been a true pleasure working with Todd at IDOT and the rest of the team at IDOT they have just been wonderful and worked hard to meet our needs.

Due to the construction at the Capitol, we will be riding in and meeting on the opposite side of the Capitol at the Lincoln Statue and if you need to use the bathroom the doors will be open due to being in session.

**The TEAM and I** have been working daily to put together an amazing State Party, this year. It will be held in June at the Menard County fairgrounds in Petersburg Illinois. Watch our fliers, social media and the fantastic newsletter for details of the upcoming event we are still looking for more vendors and sponsors for this event...if any of the chapters would like to donate toward the state party for entertainment or anything please let us know everything helps out!

*The party girls are planning a luau Hawaiian theme for Friday with judging on golf carts and costumes and campsites.*

The Media team is blasting things out there, and we have had a great response so far.

We have lots of talented members who have something to bring to the table please utilize people around you when you're holding your events this year they have a lot to offer you.

If you have questions or need assistance always feel free to call me or send me a message, I'll respond as quick as possible I'm always available to our members.

Our Executive Board has blown me away all the camaraderie and teamwork happening, without this teamwork we would not be having these fantastic events and great year.

our numbers are growing which makes me really excited and there's a big hype going on about ABATE of Illinois right now **WITH ALL THE SHAKING AND MOVING GOING ON.**

I look forward to being at and putting together future events and I'm willing to listen to any suggestions or recommendations.



**Have a great month.  
Much Love...  
Sharilyn**



Newsletter  
Coordinator

**Articles due MAY 13TH, 2023 for the JUNE 2023 ONLINE issue of**

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

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State  
Secretary

Happy Riding Season!!  
It's finally here!!

It was great to see everyone at the Swap meet. Old friends and new ones.

Then to see everyone again at the April board meetings. We had 40 chapters represented at the April BOD meeting. It was great to see so many smiling faces. We even had the grumpy guys in the back smiling and laughing with us. The meeting was productive. The board passed the following motions:

|             |  |
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| BOD2023-006 | Motion to allow Josh Witkowski to use his vendor to purchase and sell legislative day shirts for ten dollars by Kishwaukee Valley, send by Prairieland. Discussions. Starved Rock opposed. Motion passed.  |
| BOD2023-007 | Motion to follow the By-Law Committees recommendation and not accept the proposed by-law amendment by Freedom Valley, second by Open Roads. Discussions. Blackhawk, Central, Dukane, Embarras Valley, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Kaskaskia Valley, Lamoine Valley, Liberty, Lincolnland, Midstate, Open Roads, Peo-Taz, Richland County, Shoal Creek, State Line Riders, Tri-county and Twin Rivers opposed. Motion failed. |
| BOD2023-008 | Motion to accept the proposed by-law amendment to the by-laws by Freebird, second by Liberty. With only fourteen chapters voting in favor, the motion failed to meet the two third majority required to pass. Motion failed.   |
| BOD2023-009 | Motion to give all three chapters up for charter review (Pathfinders, State Line Riders and Windy City) a trial for another year by Eastern Illinois, second by Thunder Rock. Discussions. Blackhawk opposed. Motion passed.   |
| BOD2023-010 | Motion to lower the Chapter Liability insurance from one hundred and twenty dollars down to eighty-five dollars effect January 1, 2024 by Eastern Illinois, second by Northern Illinois. Discussions. No opposed. Motion passed.   |
| BOD2023-011 | Motion to accept the Executive Board's recommendation to allow advertising to be lax from the policy and procedure for the 2023 State Party by Thunder Rock, second by Prairieland. No opposed. Motion passed.   |
| BOD2023-012 | Motion to accept the Executive Board's recommendation and appoint Sharilyn Kibler-Russell to the FED/PAC by Eastern Illinois, second by Tri-County. No opposed. Motion passed.   |

**The next meetings are:**

**May 6th, 2023      The Executive Board at the  
Ramada Inn at 1:00pm**  
**June 17th, 2023    The Executive Board at 10:00am,  
The Board of Directors at  
1:00pm, At the Route 66 Hotel  
and Conference Center.**

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

*Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Freedom Rally.*  
**Teri Smith**





Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters!

May is here and that means it's Motorcycle Awareness Month. Have you gotten out into your counties, cities, towns, and villages to get Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamations? If you need them, they're available on the website at [www.abate-il.org/Bylaws-&-Forms](http://www.abate-il.org/Bylaws-&-Forms). It is extremely important to get out into the public and get these proclamations to bring awareness to motorcyclists being on the road in Illinois. Motorcycle Awareness Month is our opportunity to call attention to the safety issues affecting motorcycle road riding, which in turn encourages motorists to stay alert for motorcyclists throughout the rest of the year. This is also a great time and opportunity to get those Start Seeing Motorcycles yard signs and banners out into your community!

May 7<sup>th</sup> is the ABATE of Illinois Freedom Rally. Be sure to take advantage of the whole weekend and attend Freedom Fest – presented by Lincoln Land ABATE – from May 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a great weekend of biker camaraderie and celebrating our rights and freedoms as motorcyclists and the work we've done to preserve them. The Freedom Rally will meet in the Illinois Department of Transportation Parking lot at 8am. Food, drinks, and ABATE of Illinois Products will be on site. Those products include the Freedom Rally T-Shirts, designed by Interim Products Coordinator Paulette Korte. The Freedom Rally shirts will be \$25 for S-2XL and \$30 for 3XL and up. At 1pm, we'll ride to the Capitol to let motorists know that we're out there and fighting for our rights and freedoms. We look forward to seeing you all there!

The ABATE of Illinois State Party is coming up June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> at the Menard County Fair in Petersburg, IL and man is there a lot going on! The gates open Thursday and kick off the festivities with Todd & Susan Farthing Karaoke at 7pm. On Friday we will see music by Breaking Storm. Saturday we will see music by Ten96, Eliminator, and Electric Gypsy – all booked by Toga Talent Agency. On top of all of this, we'll have motorcycle games, golf cart games, chapter challenges, adult contests, vendors, and so much more! This is a weekend that you won't want to miss. If you've never been before, you need to change that in 2023! Thank you to our sponsors so far, Hupy & Abraham, Freeport Chapter of ABATE, Toga Talent Agency, Friends in High Places, and Law Tigers. A big shout out goes to Sharilyn Kibler-Russell, Mouse, Teri Smith, and Sonya Link for their hard work on this event! It's been great to be a part of Team ABATE!

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 May 6<sup>th</sup>
- ABATE of Illinois Freedom Fest on May 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>
- ABATE of Illinois Freedom Rally on May 7<sup>th</sup>
- MRF Bikers Inside the Beltway on May 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
- ABATE of Illinois State Party on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>
- MRF Meeting of the Minds on September 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

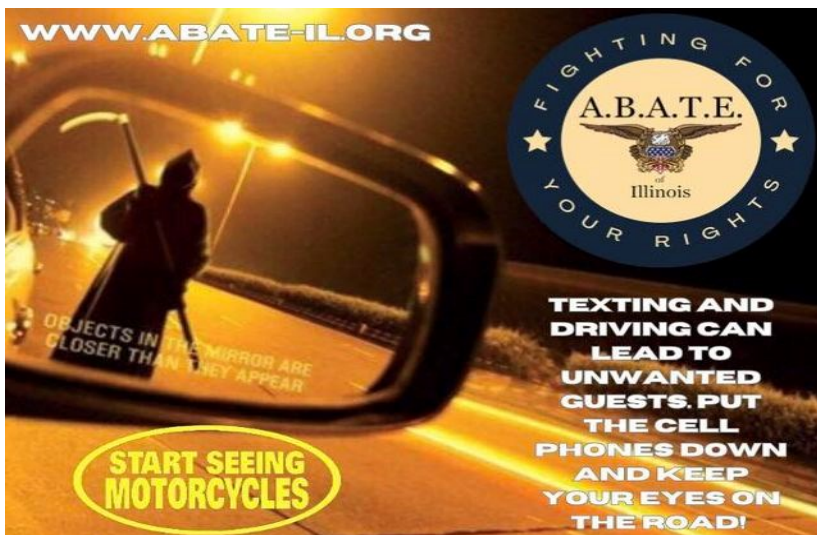


As always, I am available if you need to reach out or have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Text or email me any time.

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen  
Public Relations Coordinator



# FREEDOM RALLY

## MAY 7, 2023

### 8AM - 2PM



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MAY 7, 2023

8AM - 1PM



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 JUNE 22-25, 2023

Donations Welcome!



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Thursday Night at 7pm  
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**JUNE 22-25, 2023**

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**ABATE OF ILLINOIS STATE PARTY**

**DINNER RIDE**

**THURSDAY JUNE 22**

**RIDE LEAVES THE FAIRGROUNDS AT 6PM**

**DINNER AT BABE'S ON PLUM**

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

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## NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

Our most recent region meeting was held on March 19th. Among items discussed was motorcyclist profiling that continues to take place throughout Illinois. At this writing the following businesses in our region are not allowing colors in their establishment: Nel's in Lisle, Otto's Tavern in Lombard, and DeMito's Saloon in Villa Park.

We need to contact the owners to correct this practice and until then avoid these businesses.

Thanks to the many members of our region who took time off to attend the ABATE of Illinois 2023 Legislative Day in Springfield. As a result of the many meetings with legislators, two bills are on the move. Check Ski's column for the latest on SB 1248 and HB 2582.

May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Get out, promote safety and make drivers aware we are on the roads. ABATE of Illinois is already aware of several accidents and deaths on our roadways. Send copies of any proclamations obtained from your communities to State PR Director Chris Hansen.

Upcoming events in the Northeast Region:

Saturday April 29, 5:45 PM Will County's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, Zelmo's Full Moon, Joliet

Sunday April 30, 8:30 AM, Awareness Run, Dunkin Franklin Park, Hosted by Chicago Chapter

Saturday May 7, 10:45 AM, DuKane Awareness Day, BP Elburn

Friday May 19, Saturday May 20- AMA All Star National Flat Track Series, Sycamore Speedway

Sponsored in part by DuKane Chapter

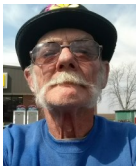
Sunday June 4, 12 PM, NE Region Meeting, River Park Moose, River Grove

Saturday June 10- Topless Tour, New Lenox American Legion, Hosted by South Suburban Chapter

Saturday June 24, 12 PM, Spring Fling, Chet's Melody Lounge, Justice, Hosted by Chicago Chapter

**Rich Gruner**

NE Regional Coordinator



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

Howdy Brothers & Sisters

Hope you all are enjoying the warm weather. Remember to go through the safety check list on the bike: tires, brakes, lights, fluids, accessories, and etc... I've been doing some riding myself. I have been going to some chapter events and having a great time. Love to attend more events but need to know where and when, drop me a line and I'll try my best to be there!

Ride Safe!!

**William "Howdy" Mills**

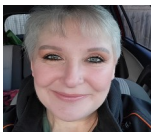
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## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

The James "Legs" Korte Memorial Marble started February 1, 2023 and will end on September 30, 2023 with a party at the Nashville VFW. Come enjoy the southern part of the state for a great ride.

As I was heading to the Piasa-Gateway chapter meeting the other night following behind a truck with a motorcycle in front of him. Suddenly the truck in front of me stopped, my thoughts is what is going on. All of sudden I saw the driver of the truck get out and started picking up items off the road and the guy riding the motorcycle was also picking items off of the road, I looked out my window and noticed there was money laying on the road. After helping to collect the money I asked what had happened and they told me that the money belonged to the gentlemen on the motorcycle and it had come out of his pocket. Lesson learned when riding motorcycles always make sure that all person property and gear are properly secured.

**Martha Patterson**



## WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: APRIL JONES

No article submitted.

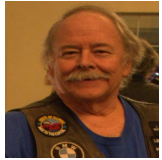
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## NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: ROBERT RUDELL

I have been working on setting up a region meeting, the first one will be May 21st. We will start by doing the Bears for Buddies which will start at 10am at the Rock Island Court House. Ride some and after the ride we will do the region meeting at Grease Monkeys in Hampton IL.

Robert Ruddell



## SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB STOUT

Earlier this year ABATE held our annual “Legislative day” As you should know, this is an event were we (members of ABATE) gather at the state capitol and talk to our state politicians. By “talking to our politicians” I mean actually standing next to and having a conversation with the person who is representing you. Not writing a letter that is read by some flunky intern who decides it should go in the circular file. You can also ask them questions. For example, I once at a Legislative Day I asked my local representative about his voting record on having ethanol in our gas. I live in a rural area and a LOT of his constituents are corn farmers and his reply was that it was what most of his constituents wanted. His reply wasn’t what I wanted to hear but he took the time to listen to my concerns and I cannot fault him for doing what the people who voted him in have asked him to do. By having an intelligent conversation with them you can learn a lot about what they think. Even better is the fact that they get a chance to learn what you think. I was once told “You know what is better than knowing who your state representative is? Having them know who you are.”

In the 25+ years I’ve been a member of ABATE I have only been to a small number legislative days. I understand the reasoning for not going but I believe everyone should make time to go at least once. It helps you understand how our laws are made.

If you have never been to a Legislative day, this is how it went for me this year (There is a lot of preparation beforehand to allow this event to happen but I did not get involved in that) ..... It started by everyone gathering at Floyds Thirst Parlor (A restaurant/bar near the capitol and also the location the reception was to be held). We were given special ABATE Legislative day t-shirts to wear and after putting them on we stood around talking with each other for a bit. We were then given instructions what to do and how to do it.

We then all carpooled to the State Capital building and went through the screening process to be allowed inside (It’s like going into an airport). Once inside we went to where a table was set up and got a folder for our representatives. They tried to give you the folder for someone whose district you are in but in my case someone else already had them. Since it was my first time in the building I went with someone who was more familiar the way things worked. We picked up the folders for some of the representatives then made our way to their office inside the capitol building.

Inside the folder were our “position papers” and a questionnaire. The “position paper” was a couple pieces of paper that told what our position was on various bills being considered. The questionnaire had questions on what the representative thought about general motorcycling issues. We spent all morning going from one representative’s office to

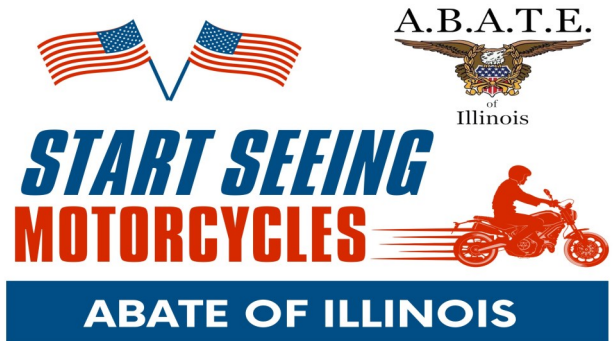
another. Since both houses were “in session” nearly all our politicians were in Springfield but this also meant they were busy all day. If they weren’t in the main court, they were in committee meetings.

All state representatives have an assigned receptionist. We (Me and the guy I was working with) were not able to talk with any of the representatives in the morning session so were unable to have the questionnaires filled out. But we did find all of their offices (the Capital building is a BIG place) and we talked to their receptionists (I don’t know if they qualify as a flunky intern). We had two main jobs. One was to be seen and let everyone know we were there. The other was to get the position papers to the representative and invite them to the reception that evening. Around lunch time we were supposed for a group photo but I missed it because I was still passing out stuff in another part of the building.

After a late lunch I was pretty tired and had some unrelated ABATE issues to deal with so I took a break. Later that afternoon We all started to trickle back into Floyds Thirst Parlor (they were closed to anyone except ABATE members prior to the reception that evening). In the early evening the personnel at Floyds’ set up a food buffet (the food was good). Then, the capitol started shutting down for the night and a number of the representatives arrived for the reception. If your local representative came to the reception, this was where you could talk to them. I was lucky and was able to talk to most of the various representatives in my area.

Now, for the reason I put this in my Region report... Josh Witkowski says this years’ Legislative day was very successful. But, I noticed one issue. When I looked at the member sign in sheet for the event, there were not very many of us who were there from the Southeast region. I realize that our region doesn’t have as many people in it as some regions do and the event is always held on a day where many of us have to work but, it would be nice to get at least one person from each chapter next year.

Robert Stout



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**MIRACLE RIDE COMING—  
SATURDAY JUNE 3RD!**

Every year since 1994, bikers have gathered together to support Riley Hospital for Children. And you can be part of it and help the kids at Riley.

Since its inception, the Miracle Ride has raised just under 7 million dollars for the kids at Riley, and 99 percent of those funds have been raised by volunteers. The Miracle Ride Foundation has just a skeleton staff that is paid for their work. So many thanks to those who volunteer time, dollars, motorcycles and expertise. Find out all of the day's festivities and times at [www.miracleride.net](http://www.miracleride.net). We hope to see you there!

**EVENT INSURANCE**

**Q.** Asst. Region Director here. We have a few questions regarding ABATE event insurance we are hoping you might be able to assist with. We of course get a COI from the state office for our sanctioned events for the specific day and event location, but what should we be requiring, if anything, from vendors that might set up at our event? Should we be requesting COI's (to CYA) from all vendors? Maybe for only food/alcohol/equipment vendors?

We are looking for the best route that covers ABATE, the officers, the event itself, and of course the participants. However, on the flip side of that we realize that not all vendors might be an established business (such as artsy/crafty vendors) and might not be able to obtain a COI for the event if requested. If you could please provide any information and input on this, we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you.

**A.** As much as we can reasonably get. Certificates of Insurance should be obtained from all food and alcohol vendors - always and no exceptions. Also included in that compulsory list are those who provide unique services and items for entertainment. As you suspect many of the artsy/crafty vendors may not have insurance, so we are relying on the waiver/release that is required for admission for all attendees to cover us. But we should require an indemnification agreement from the artsy vendors just in case our waiver for attendees is held unenforceable. This means that if that artsy vendor screws up and injures one of our attendees, we have a claim over and against that vendor. Our required Waiver/Release, if enforceable, should get the artsy vendor off the hook along with us as they are generally identified in our waiver. If our waiver is not enforceable for some reason, we can hold that vendor responsible, so we are not paying for his sins.

**BEHIND ON MY MORTGAGE PAYMENT**

**Q:** I am hurting financially. My wife and I have been paying on our home for over 25 years. I do not have the full amount for this month's mortgage payment. What will happen if I stop paying? What are my options? -South Suburban Chapter Member and Region 1 Member

**A:** Call your mortgage company ASAP. When and if you get a live person, get a name, number, and mailing address for that person to confirm all of your questions and their advice to you. Here are your options:

1. Determine the amount you can afford to pay now and see if the mortgage company will defer the rest until you have better times. Most banks understand that we are going through hard times and that we are all in this together. Remember the banks are not doing a lot better than we are, but they are getting a bailout- you are not. Most mortgage companies have some sort of mortgage assistance; you may also be able to review those options on your Mortgage Company's website.
2. Do nothing. Of course, the mortgage company will foreclose and put you out of your home. Depending on the equity in your home there could be a deficiency judgment. Of course, there will also be attorney's fees, interest and costs awarded against you, as provided in the mortgage. This process could take from 2 to 6 months, but ultimately, they will put you out on the street.
3. File bankruptcy if your overall financial situation warrants such a drastic action. This allows you and your family to start over. A fresh start is the right of all Americans and is guaranteed in the Constitution.

Good luck. There but for the grace of God go all of us. If you have any more questions, call me.

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Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.

Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.

There are drunk riders. There are old riders. There are NO old, drunk riders.

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**Rod Taylor**

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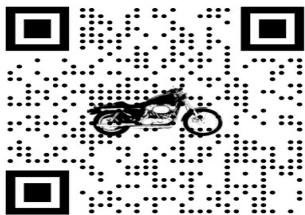
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| May 7         | Belleville    | Belle-Clair Fair-ground | TBL Motorcycle Swap Meet         |
| May 12        | Springfield   | Koo Koo 2               | Summer Thunder                   |
| May 19-20     | Sycamore      | Sycamore Speedway       | Flat Track Racing                |
| May 26-29     | Savanna       | Poopy's                 | Memorial Day Week-end            |
| June 2-4      | Leaf River    | Leaf River Daze         | ABATE Awareness                  |
| June 9-11     | Darlington WI | Lafayette County Fair   | Stock Car Races                  |
| June 17       | Marseilles    | Downtown                | Freedom Run                      |
| June 22-25    | Lanark        | Crooked Roof            | Bike Night & Old Settler Day     |
| July 1-2      | Stockton      | Corner Tap              | ABATE Awareness                  |
| July 4,       | Stockton      | Memorial Park           | July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration |
| July 7-9      | Freeport      | Downtown                | Tutty Baker                      |
| July 16       | Plano         | American Legion         | Car Show                         |
| July 20-22    | Freeport      | Big O's on the Hallow   | ABATE Awareness                  |
| July 25-28    | Freeport      | Fair Grounds            | Stephenson County Fair           |
| July 29       | Sandwich      | Downtown                | Car Show                         |
| July 30       | Sycamore      | Downtown                | Car Show                         |
| Aug 4-5       | Forreston     | City Park               | Sauerkraut Day                   |
| August 6-11   | Belvidere     | Fairgrounds             | Boone County Fair                |
| August 12-13, | Mendota       | Downtown                | Sweetcorn Festival               |
| August 16-20  | Fairbury      | Fairgrounds             | Fairbury Fair                    |
| August 25-27  | Tonica        | Downtown                | Jeep Jam & Car Show              |
| Sept 1-3      | Springfield   | State Fair-grounds      | Springfield Mile                 |

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



# NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport Chapter

## Hello Freeport Chapter

Spring is in full bloom, and I hope everyone has had the opportunity to get the bike out and ride. Since I'm writing this the beginning of April, I hope Mother Nature has calmed down and we have had some great riding weather.

First, I would like to Congratulate Freeport's 2022 Member of the Year, Roger Larson. Roger has been the backbone of this Chapter for 37 years, and was also instrumental in forming the State ABATE organization. He has served in almost every officer position through the years. He has decided to take a break and now holds the position of "Not a Damn Thing." Enjoy your temporary freedom. The Chapter is grateful for all your hard work in forming this Chapter into what it is today. He received the award at our 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Chapter Shutterbug, Peggy Groeling, has posted a ton of great pictures on our Facebook page so take a minute to check them out.

There were several other awards handed out to outgoing officers, an appreciation to Scott and Kerry Gerke for letting us use the "G" Spot for the party, and any other time we needed a place to hold something, and an Appreciation to Pat and Doreen O'Brien for hosting our Christmas Party at Big O's on the Hollow. 5 Chapter members received "Perfect Attendance; Roger Larson, Peggy Groeling, Dean Pfile, Coleen Pfile, and Larry Clark. Thanks for your dedication.

Congratulations also go out to the winners of our annual Spring Raffle. Tickets were drawn at our March meeting at the Freeport Eagle's Club. 1<sup>st</sup> place \$100 – Becky Snider, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$75 – Doug Van Horn, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50 - Mark Bratley, 4<sup>th</sup> place \$25 Judy Klimiek. Ticket sales were down a little this year, but we still did ok. We'll hit it hard next year.

The Mann-iac Books are done and ready for you to start checking out the cool stops. See Roger if you would like a book. The cost is \$15 for a full summer if riding. The run will

end at the Freeport Chapter meeting at the Eagles Club on October 15. Don't forget to bring your books.

The Chapter has lots of rides planned for this summer starting with our Run to the Capitol on May 6<sup>th</sup>. This goes to Springfield for the Awareness Rally on May 7<sup>th</sup>. I Think the Springfield area Chapter has a party and band planned for Saturday night. On May 13 we have our Memorial Run which honors our fallen Freeport Chapter members. Signup at Logan's. On May 20<sup>th</sup> There is a "Riding in Memory" celebration in Pecatonica. This is NOT an ABATE sponsored event, but it is one we support. It starts with a breakfast at Cimino's, bagpipes, a release of butterflies, and a Bike Blessing. Breakfast starts at 10:00am. Cost is \$10 for breakfast, and \$10 for the ride. On July 22 we have our "Bark at the Moon" ride. Sign up at Logan's from 3-4PM. Cost is \$10. At all of our rides EXCEPT the Mann-iac ride if you sign up a new member they get to ride the ride for free. August is our Annual Family Picnic. This is a good opportunity to bring the kids, grandkids, Mom and Dad, and if you have a friend or two that might be thinking about joining this is a great meeting to bring them to. Bring a dish to pass, and BYOB. There will be something for the kids to do during the meeting. The NW Region is holding its Convergence Run July 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to meet members from around the NW Region and learn what is going on in their Chapters. We also have our "Searching for the Nuts" run in late September or early October. No details on this yet except that each Chapter sets up it's own ride ending at the Dixon American Legion.

The National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa is closing its doors for good in September. They are a stop in our Mann-iac Book and the Chapter is planning a group ride to Anamosa. The details have not been finalized yet, but you can check our Facebook page for more info.

There is something for everyone. Pick an event and come join in the fun.

Ride Safe, Becky



Twin Rivers Chapter

Great news from the MRF- Ford sent NHTSA a letter informing them they have decided NOT to deploy up

to 2500 autonomous vehicles" each year as they feel they are not ready to be safely operated on the roads. Hopefully some of the other major vehicle manufacturers will follow suit.

As I predicted, we did have a great turnout for our Swap Meet in February. The weather was wonderful which always helps (way to call it Jennifer!). As usual we helped the vendors unload when they arrived and if we had time we did the same when they left. I got some great buys and happily sold out pretty quickly. I think all the other vendors did well too.

Our President, along with his wife Maria and Odie presented Marty from WLLT a certificate of appreciation for all the support from the radio to Twin Rivers. It helps get the word out to the community on safety and education and other concerns we have as motorcyclists. John, Odie, Kevin & Jennifer attended State Representative Fritz's Open House in Dixon. He is very supportive of issues that ABATE is concerned with. We hope to work with him in the future.

Our April meeting is the 16th at Nick's Tap in Rock Falls.

The June 11th meeting will be at Ecky's in Wyant. Both meetings begin at 1 pm.

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

Kat





**Open  
Roads  
Chapter**

**OPEN ROADS ABATE**

Hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Easter. Easter brings new

life and the season of spring which means the weather is really cooperating with riding and we're beginning to put miles on our bikes.

**Membership** - Congrats to our members renewing their dues. We need YOU to retain our many freedoms of riding. YOUR voice joins with OURS to make our voices heard. Benefits with your ABATE membership includes patches, legislative updates, \$3000 insurance policy, and a legal will (value \$300 to \$400) created by our Legal Team.

Our **Products Team of Sam and Sharyl Mataya** have designed a new logo for Open Roads. They came up with new train run shirts that give our 3 stops publicity and always have new products at our meetings. It's always fun to see what new things they have. Thanks to Sharyl and Sam for all you do.

**Summer Book 2023** – are available NOW for \$10 and we have had to make more books again. Thank you for your overwhelming support. You may get a book from any committee member – Frank Lorang, Bill & Sally Kolb, Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Kevin & Patti Smith, Cliff & Linda Oleson as well as several of our stops. The stops who have books are listed on the Open Roads ABATE Facebook page.

**Legislative Day** – March 22, Sam Mataya, Kevin and Patti Smith represented our chapter at Floyd's Thirst Parlor and the Capitol in Springfield that day. They learned a lot and talked to our reps.

**Axe Throwing & Poor Boys** – 12 members and two guests enjoyed the afternoon honing their axe throwing skills at Bull & Bear Axe Throwing and then enjoyed food and refreshments at Poor Boys.

**Spring Train Run** – was Good Saturday before Easter...people count was less than usual but the energy by participants was high. It was a great day of fun with games, refreshments, food, shirts, coozies, and friends.

**Next Meeting** – Our June meeting will be on Saturday, June 24, 6 pm, Plano American Legion.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Motorcycle Awareness Month** – “Start Seeing Motorcycles” banners, proclamations, social media promos, windshield washing is what Open Roads ABATE members will be doing during May and all year long.

**Dinner Ride, May 3** – meet at Plano American Legion with KSU 6 pm, ride to Rambo's Bar & Grill in Somonauk and enjoy supper with friends and get a stamp in your Summer Book.

**ABATE Freedom Rally, May 7** – [join with hundreds of bikes from all around Illinois as we join together to take our stand for motorcycle rights.](#) Details will be forthcoming.

**Summer Book Ride, May 13** – first group ride for the season, meet at Southern Belle's in Yorkville for breakfast, KSU 9 am, and ride to Woodstock, Waterford, and Hebron for the day. Enjoy a ride with friends and get more stamps in the Summer Book.

**Dinner Ride, May 17** – meet at Plano American Legion with KSU 6 pm, ride to Maddie's Place in Leland and enjoy supper with friends and get a stamp in your Summer Book.

**Windshield Washing, May 20** – project for Motorcycle Awareness Month, wash windshields at Plano BP at 204 E. South Street from 11 am to 1 pm.

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

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

Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity

**Pictures:**

Beware of our axe throwers as they have become very confident and precise with their skills – Frank Lorang, Chris Zimmerman, Sandy Murrell, Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Kevin & Patti Smith, Brian Smith, Doug Cytrych, Mike Sundblom, Linda & Cliff Oleson, Diana Rebechini, and Nickie Warmac.



Open Roads and Starved Rock ABATE members caught up with State Rep Jed Davis on Legislative Day – Sam Mataya (Open Roads), Shane Bice (Starved Rock), unidentified ABATE member, Patti & Kevin Smith (Open Roads), Jed Davis (Open Roads ABATE and State Rep), Josh “Ski” Witkowski, and Dan Kleckner (Starved Rock).

Spring Train Run was April 8 and everyone had a great time. Patti Martin, Sam & Sharyl Mataya, and Frank Lorang are ready to board the train for a day of fun.



Starved Rock (Shane Bice and Dan Kleckner) and Open Roads (Sam Mataya) ABATE members met with State Senator Sue Rezin on Legislative Day.



**Starved Rock Chapter**

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

We had our meeting on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Jack's Tap in Spring Valley! Thanks to everyone at Jack's who welcomed us without notice so we were able to have our meeting! The place we were scheduled to meet at informed us at the last minute that they had double booked and they would not be able to accommodate our group. We had 42 members and 3 guests present. Harold D won the membership drawing and donated \$50 to the chapter! Thanks Harold! Dan K and Laurie J won member door prizes and Sam M won the guest door prize. Dan had the new 'START SEEING MOTORCYCLES' banners that some members had ordered for \$30.00 each! He also had some old yard signs for members to take. It's that time to make people aware that we(motorcyclists) are out there! Proclamations are being returned. We received 9 so far (Dalzell, DePue, Leonore, Naplate, Leland, Mendota, Ottawa, Seneca and Putnam County) \*\*\* Spring Fling is coming up May 6th, Jack's Tap, Spring Valley, quick meeting at 5, food at 6, \$20/ person, Marci needs a head count so call and let her know (815-866-9579) music(band) after dinner \*\*\*

Shane Bice and Dan Kleckner went to Springfield for Legislative Day. They met with Senator Win Stoller, Senator Sue Rezin, and Representative Lance Yednock. They also dropped off a list of ABATE legislative issues for Representative Bradley Fritts to review and become familiar with.

**Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:**

**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. Contact Marci if you haven't signed up yet! Please call her and arrange for payment ASAP! Contact Marci at (815)-866-9579 to sign up/pay. THANKS! It's important to have a head count so they can have enough food for everyone. 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 to use as prizes at the Membership Run in June. Please call Marci to make arrangements to get prizes to her. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Membership Run will begin at Blue Collar Bikes in Spring Valley.** More details to come.

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

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 may follow Starved Rock ABATE on Facebook!  
Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Officer**





**Thunder  
Rock  
Chapter**

Spring is finally here, time for wind therapy, Knees in the breeze, wind in

the hair. Rides, Gathering, sharing memories and time to make more memories. May is motorcycle awareness month, you will start seeing the signs.

Lots of events coming up, please take advantage of Newsletter, Facebook and Abate Website, for events in all chapters coming up..

**Some of our upcoming events.**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> BLESSING OF THE BIKES @ THE RACK 12 in Stillman Valley 9042 IL 72, Blessing will be 12 TO 3 .** If you can join us in the Blessing, please do. **MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> Will Be Rain Day BLESSING OF THE BIKES.**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> FREEDOM RALLY,** after the Blessing of the bikes, there will be some that will ride onto Springfield, spend the night, and join the Freedom Rally.

**May 13<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Run Mr. C's @ 9:00, 4309 West State St. Rockford IL,** come and join us, good food, good friends...

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup> Leaf River Days.** Thunder Rock will have this year's Bike and 4-wheeler on display to sell raffle tickets. If you can help, please get in contact with Thunder Rock.

**June 10<sup>th</sup> POKER RUN AND SKYDIVE BINGO @ FLIGHT DECK BAR and GRILL at 11 am to 5 pm,** 1207 West Gurler Road, Rochelle, IL 61068. Some are wondering what is that, Thunder Rock Sold 100 raffle tickets ,Sky divers will jump, and the first one that lands on a block, number 1 to 100, will win \$1,000. Then there will be a ride after, come and have lunch and watch, then join us in the ride after.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> thru June 25<sup>th</sup>** is the **Annual STATE PARTY,** Come and join us, one of the times to make memories, you can find more information about the STATE PARTY on the ABATE Facebook page. Hope to see you there.

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.

Reminder our Chapter meetings are the first Sunday of the month at Trippie's Bar and Grill and Oregon il, 11:15 up-stairs... 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. May NAME was **Steve Anderson (porkchopI,** he was not present, and his name was put back into the draw.

There won't be a May Chapter Meeting, however there will be an officer meeting.

May 4<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> officer meeting @ the Rack in Stillman Valley @ 6:30 PM all is welcome.

June 4<sup>th</sup> next chapter meeting @ Trippies Bar and Grill @ 11:15 AM.

Until next time, be safe, ride safe. KEEP THE RUBBERSIDE DOWN AND SHINY SIDE UP.

ENJOY NEW RIDING SEASON, WE WAITED ALONG TIME FOR THIS.

Thunder Rock  
**Cindy Weil**

## NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS

**Wanted:  
Abate of Illinois Chapter T-Shirts**

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

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

Please bring to the BOD meeting in June or August and give to NE Region Coordinator Rich Gruner.  
Another option would be to mail to 1125 Ash Road, Hoffman Estates, IL, 60169.

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

**Deadline September 16, 2023**



**Will  
County  
Chapter**

Thanks to everyone who attended our April meeting and a big welcome to our new members! Again, our monthly meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Stone City V.F.W Post 2199. We will plan to have a small and informal meet up on the Sunday's following the monthly meetings -weather permitting. The details for the Sunday events will be discussed at the monthly meetings and shared on our Facebook page, feel free to reach out if you need the details. The 2023 Book Run event is officially underway, so get out there and get those stamps! We hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Will County ABATE and we look forward to many more years of fellowship surrounding

motorcycle safety, awareness, and education.  
Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events-  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, & August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm monthly meeting, Stone City V.F.W Post 2199.

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

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

Amanda Kelly



Hello from DuKane ABATE!

May is here and that means it's Motorcycle Awareness Month. We are out in our local cities, towns, and villages, along with DuPage and Kane County, getting our Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamations. Knuckleheads Tavern has a DuKane ABATE Start Seeing Motorcycles banner hanging on the front of their building, so we thank them for helping spread the word. They truly are great supporters of ABATE and I'd recommend you stop in when you're riding in the area.

May 13<sup>th</sup> is DuKane ABATE Motorcycle Awareness Day! Events Officer Chris Newman always makes this a fun event. We [team](#) up with the Kane County Sheriff's Department and Elburn Police Department at the intersections of 47&38 and 47&64 to let motorists [know](#) to put the cell phones down. If they don't, they'll have a nice chat with an officer on why it's important that they do. New this year is an addition of the intersection of 64 & County Farm Road in Carol Stream. Vice President Randy Ramey has worked this out with the DuPage County Sheriff's Department. So, we'll be covering 2 counties spreading the word to motorists to put down their cell phones, keep their eyes on the road, and **START SEEING MOTORCYCLES!** We'll all meet back at Knuckleheads Tavern at 2pm for a free lunch.

We've talked for a few months about the Motorcyclist/MC Profiling issues at DeMito's Saloon, Nel's Old Time Inn, and Otto's Tavern. They still haven't stopped these ridiculous protocols, and we're continuing to work to get them eliminated. What I don't understand is that there are motorcyclists still supporting these businesses. They just say, "Well, when so and

so is working they don't enforce them". That's great, but that's not the point. As motorcyclists, we need to take a stand against these practices and let these businesses know that we won't tolerate them. MCs are not gangs and we shouldn't give one red cent to any business that labels them as such.

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

Motorcycle Sunday on May 7<sup>th</sup>

DuKane ABATE Motorcycle Awareness Day on May 13<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

Make sure to join us on May 16<sup>th</sup> for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. These meetings are incredibly important to attend as you will hear reports from all DuKane BOD Officers, and you will keep up to date on what is happening with motorcyclists' rights in DuPage and Kane County in 2023.

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

DuKane Chapter of ABATE of Illinois President

630-618-7551

[chrishdguy@gmail.com](mailto:chrishdguy@gmail.com)



**DUKANE ABATE BIKINI BIKE WASH**

**Knuckleheads Tavern**  
ELBURN, IL

**SATURDAY JULY 15 | 11-3**  
**KNUCKLEHEADS TAVERN**  
**ELBURN, IL**

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**SUNDAY OCTOBER 8, 2023**

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**FULLY ESCORTED RIDE TO SYCAMORE SPEEDWAY**

**MOCK STAR ROCKS THE MAIN STAGE**

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Northern Illinois Chapter

Three members of Northern attended the Legislative Day event in Springfield on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had productive meetings with legislators from the Northeast Region including Rep. Nabeela Syed, Rep. Tom Weber, Rep. Michelle Mussman, Sen. Craig Wilcox, and Sen. Laura Murphy. We are happy to hear two bills are on the move that benefit motorcyclists in Illinois as a result of ABATE'S Legislative Day!

The Chapter did not hold a March meeting, instead we held our annual chili cook-off on the evening of Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended by members of our chapter and outside guests, we even saw members of the Will County Chapter who drove up to Harbor Brewing in Lake Villa for an evening of fun. Our cook-off winner was Cheryl. The event saw three membership renewals and brought in four new members to our chapter!

Northern will have a booth at four Walneck's Swap meets that will be held at the McHenry County Fairgrounds in Woodstock. The first date is Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Additional dates are June 25, August 20 and October 15. We will be promoting ABATE and selling bike raffle tickets.

By the time you read this, the Sweets and Treats Fun Run for 2022-2023 will have concluded with awards handed out. A decision will be forthcoming as to a Fun Run for 2023-2024. Thank you Donna for selecting the establishments, putting together the cards, selling the cards and judging the participants!

Our next chapter meetings to be held at Doyle's Pub:  
Saturday May 27, 11 AM  
Saturday June 24, 11 AM

Rich Gruner



South Suburban Chapter



Hello South Suburban ABATE

A BIG thank you to members that came out and supported Kevin O'Meara on his April 2, annual *Big Bikes Helping Little Tyke Kickoff Party*. It was a truly jamming event with loads of people and music that rocked you into outer limits. The 21<sup>st</sup> annual BIG BIKES LITTLE TYKES RUN will depart from Demma's Bar & Grill, Oak Lawn, IL on Saturday, July 15, 2023, going to "Camp One Step," Lake Geneva, WI.

On Wednesday, April 5, I went to a Legion Riders meeting at the American Legion Marrs-Meyers Post 991, Worth Illinois and conducted a presentation on A.B.A.T.E. and its benefits. It was well received and was given a positive response that representatives of their members will attend our South Suburban Chapter's TOPLESS TOUR RUN on Saturday, June 10. Can I count on you to welcome them at our event?

Mark your calendars for June 10 and join members and other participants from the riding community for the TOPLESS TOUR RUN we're hosting at the American Legion Post 1977, 14414 Ford Dr, New Lenox, IL. We are getting very positive, enthusiastic responses from riders. KSU 10a.m., the ride is little under 100 miles. The admission is only \$25.00 for rider and \$10.00 for passenger and includes meal and entertainment. Great live music band by *RIK KROLL, THE BLOCK PARTY BAND*, will be performing for your enjoyment.

I'm reaching out to all our members to tap into your skills to improve our chapter. Please consider donating 35-40 hours (from now through day of event) of your time to our **TOPLESS TOUR RUN EVENT**. We are looking for support in marketing, advertising, online sales, and webmaster. Possibly provide raffle basket donations or monetary funds. Call me at 708.442.0766 to register your volunteer time and/or to donate



funds and/or prizes to this effort benefitting your chapter.

Tickets are available for A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS Grand Prize Raffle – 2022 Harley Davidson Heritage Classic 114 and



second place prize 2022 Honda Rancher 420, drawing on September 4, 2023. Get your bike raffle tickets

\$5.00 each or improve your chances by purchasing a book of five for only \$20.00. Will deliver larger ticket purchases (within a five-mile radius), will not deliver single ticket purchases.

Make your reservations today for the State Party on June 22-25 at Menard County Fair, Petersburg, IL. Maybe we can camp together? Get details at [ACTIVITIES@ABATE-IL.ORG](mailto:ACTIVITIES@ABATE-IL.ORG)

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and we all need to be diligent on watching out for riders and of course promote this caution from all drivers on the roads. Do you have the **NEW START SEEING MOTORCYCLES** sign on your yard? New signs are available at a minimal cost. Get yours at a chapter member meeting.

On Saturday, May 13, from 11am-3pm, DuKane Chapter is organizing a **MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS DAY** at the intersections of 47 & 64 and 47 & 38 in Elburn. With team effort provided from Kane County Sheriff's Department and the Elburn Police Department, DuKane riders are adamant on encouraging motorists to put down cell phones and start seeing

motorcycles. Contact DuKane Chapter and let them know they have your support! Help spread the message **Motorcycle Awareness** for all drivers on the roads.

You can make a difference by attending and providing your input at meetings.

Chapter Membership meeting is on...  
**Thursday, May 18, at 7:00p.m. SHARP**  
**South Suburban A.B.A.T.E.**  
 American Legion Post #1160  
 10739 S Ridgeland Avenue  
 Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

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 Nick Savas  
 Activities Coordinator and  
 Public Relations

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**TOPLESS TOUR**

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**50/50  
DRAWING**

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**FOOD  
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What is the Topless Tour?  
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Join the end of ride party at 4pm for food, music & fun!

**CASH ONLY!**  
**REGISTRATION FEE**  
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**WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS**



**Lincoln  
Land  
Chapter**

Wow, What a year so far. Doesn't show any signs of slowing down anytime soon either. This is

probably the busiest year in a long, long time. We have actively been work with Sharilyn and Sonya with future state activities. Always glad to help out. It is the chapter's responsibility to help with state activities when we can. Especially when most of them are in our own back yard. It almost makes us the host chapter if you will. Not taking anything away from state, but we need to make sure we do our part to make these events a success. So far we've been kicking butt. I usually put some of our future events in my report trying to muster up interest and volunteers. All of our previous chapter events have gone very well and attended by several chapter members. Thank you and I hope everyone has been having a great time. A lot of background work has been conducted to make these events work well. Your volunteer efforts are welcomes and greatly appreciated. As I've said in the past, the more volunteers we have, the less each one of us have to do.

Things are going well enough, there's no need to play cheerleader.



On an official note the chapter BOD are working to amend the Policies and Procedure manual for the chapter. It looks like approval from the chapter will most likely be at the May chapter meeting. Make an effort to review and vote of the amendments. Not only our own chapter having a busy schedule, we have a multitude of events outside of ABATE. Our local MC's and charitable benefits are plentiful this year. We understand everyone is free to attend every event they can, please consider your chapter's events as one that needs the support of its members. Most everything we plan has the member's good time at the forefront of the planning. If it has been a while since you have been to a meeting, it is completely different than meetings from 15-20 years ago. Although we are not a club, I take our title to heart. It's a Brotherhood. A Family if you will. It is a great time to connect with fellow members while being brought up to date with our Local, State and Federal issues concerning motorcyclists right and safety. Come hang out with us at the Northender's VFW on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. 6p Social, 7p Meeting. Thank You, Ride safe and Responsible

Rudedog 217-622-9275



## EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty Chapter

May is here and along with ever improving weather for riding we have Motorcycle Awareness Month.

This is the official month where we educate other road users to be aware that we are out there on our two or three wheels, and to share the road. As you know the E in ABATE is educate, and this month is definitely the time to share our mission of a safe riding environment for all.

In chapter news we have had some fun events, including the latest bags tourney held at the Roadhouse, hope you were able to attend and had a good time. In other events we have our first run, on April 15 to Moonshine, always a great event. On May 6th is the Grafton Run. And to conduct the business of ABATE is our monthly meeting at the Mattoon Moose Lodge on May 14th.

On May 7th is the Freedom Rally in Springfield, where we ride to the state Capitol, meet at the IDOT parking lot and ride to the Capitol at 1pm.

Have you made plans to attend the ABATE state party this year? The dates are June 22-25, Menard county fairgrounds in Petersburg. There will be bands, games and events that fill the whole weekend. Tickets are still only 40 bucks for the whole weekend. Again this year we will have the Tits Out Lounge hosted by the Heart of Illinois chapter. Come on out and see if it lives up to its name! Tickets are available through Liberty chapter or through the state website.

On the Legislative front we have two bills that have advanced out of committee- one which would legalize LED under glow stop lighting and some upgrade in other lights. Also we have a bill to exempt 16-18 years' old who have gone through the cycle rider training program to be retested again to receive their m classification. This bill will eliminate the double testing requirement. If you have not done so, please sign up on the ABATE state website, [abate-il.org](http://abate-il.org), for legislative alerts. You may from time to time be asked to fill out a witness slip on various bills we are opposing our supporting. It really only takes a couple of minutes to follow the link and fill out a witness slip. These have such a big impact on a bills fate, advancing or dying in committee.

On a sadder note was the recent passing of Gus Miller. Anyone who works with ABATE at the state level knew Gus, as a recipient of the Rich Nebb award, ABATE's highest honor. He was in charge of the Bike raffle for many years, was well know at the State party running the bike games, and was an avid collector of motorcycles. Also at 80 years young was out at Bonneville racing his bike on the salt flats, all with only one leg! Ride on Gus, you will be missed.

As always our mailing address is PO box 1502 Mattoon IL 61938. Check out our Facebook page, and our website is [libertyabate.org](http://libertyabate.org). Please check out the great sponsors on our website. You can join or renew through the state website at [abate-il.org](http://abate-il.org).

Joel Wannemacher





**Embarras Valley Chapter**

Well I hope you're all having a good month!

The weather has been great, lots of riders out there. We sure have a lot of bikes in Illinois I sure would like to see more people sign up for our organization. Sometimes it's an educational thing explaining to him what we are and what we do and the big difference we make in our state and around the nation we have powerful people on our team that works hard Lobbying at the capital to protect our rights as motorcyclists to ride the way we want to ride. Our numbers are what makes a difference!!!

With membership as reasonable as it is and all the benefits we receive it's a no-brainer to sign up and be represented sometimes I gift membership because I believe so strongly in our organization.

I would really like to see more people step up and run for office this year all positions are available.

Now on with the rest of my story we're gearing up for Motorcycle Awareness Month and our group will ride out of McDonald's in Tuscola at 8am and meet up with Ten Mile

Creek and Prairie Land chapters over at the hotel leaving out of Decatur at our usual spot, other chapters will meet also and be riding in together it's pretty amazing to be riding into the capital and seeing people over overpasses taking pictures of us it's kind of a big deal....

I hope to see you all at the state party this year I'm excited about the rodeo and lots of other things of course.

Embarras is planning a ride for May as well watch for the upcoming details and we have a big outdoor street party plan as well in Humboldt in July.

Meetings are the last Sunday of the month at Shae's in Arcola 1pm.

Have a great Month  
Sharilyn  
President



**Heart of Illinois Chapter**

Hello everyone,

Spring is here and even though mother nature likes to play with us I know you all have been testing the roads on your two wheels. Most of you have already done a maintenance check but just in case you haven't this is your reminder!

The chapter is still on the hunt for a location to host our annual fundraising party so while out and about if you see a spot; come to the meetings and let us know. State party is right around the corner and we are all excited. Our chapter will once again be hosting the donation bar this year. We look forward to having as many members there to celebrate another trip around the sun with us and help out at the bar.

We welcome all donations from cups to cash (for ice) to alcohol!

Just a quick reminder that meetings are now held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Eagles club in Bloomington starting at 7pm. In May we will be voting on the logo improvements so please be there to take part in this.

Please also check emails and Facebook for updates within the chapter as well as other chapters' events.

Ride safe until next time,

Melissa  
Secretary



Caleb Smith (Safety & Ed Officer) from [HeartofIllinois Abate](#) joined @ [Lincoln Land ABATE](#) to give 4 Motorcycle Safety Awareness presentations at Southeast High School. Students loved seeing the [Distress Bandanna](#) a Motorcycle Awareness Theme Bike and learning about quick tips that save lives! Reminder to check all blind spots twice, respect a motorcycle as a full sized vehicle, and always allow plenty of space when following a motorcycle. Always drive aware. Remember motorcycles are out there.

Thanks John & Vivian on including Caleb.



# A.B.A.T.E.



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

Email Teri Smith

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

Email Chris Hansen

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



## Wanted: Abate of Illinois

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

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

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

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

**Deadline September 16, 2023**

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Riverview Bar & Grill 490 W 1st St Dallas City IL 217-989-1079  
2 Doors Down- 255 S Main St Blandinsville IL 309-652-3611

## NORTHWEST REGION

The Friendly Tap- 14 N Center Plano IL 630-552-3696  
**\*\*Dixon VFW Post 540 1560 Franklin Grove Rd Dixon IL 815-288-5165\*\***  
**\*\*The Black Rose Saloon 802 E Peru St Princeton IL 815-915-8003**  
GP Cyclesport Inc- 1209 N Bridge St. Yorkville IL 630-553-8225  
Plano American Legion Post 510 E Dearborn St Plano IL 630-552-8313

Hometown Lanes & Sports Bar 209 W Main St Plano IL 630-552-4177  
Big O's on the Hollow 1931 IL-75 E Freeport IL 815-616-8543  
Logan's Bar & Grill 1805 S West Ave Freeport IL 815-232-4592  
Pub 225 310 N Main Ave Milledgeville IL 815-973-3981  
Ecky's Tap- 132 E Main St Wyandot IL 815-699-9372  
Beer Here Bar & Grill 115 E Maple Ave Manlius IL 815-445-7009  
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## NORTHEAST REGION

Judge's Bar 35 E Cass St. Joliet IL  
Knuckleheads Tavern 108 E North Street Elburn IL 630-365-9164  
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**\*\* It's renewal time for these businesses. Please use the form below to submit your renewal.\*\***

### ABATE OF ILLINOIS NEWS SUPPORTING BUSINESS APPLICATION

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An ABATE Legal Services Program





## Date April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, MRF Report to ABATE of Illinois

MRF Membership in the state of Illinois stands at 493 members with 78 of them lapsed and need to renew, Please!! Be it new or a renewal membership application. Please put my name in the "Referred by: blank. Thanks for your support on this.

Mail to: Motorcycle Riders Foundation, P. O. Box 9090, Peoria, IL. 61612 – Phone 202-546-0983 [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) – [mrfoffice@mrf.org](mailto:mrfoffice@mrf.org)

- Annual Individual Membership \$35
- Annual Joint Membership \$60
- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
- Annual Industry Council Membership \$100
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### Ride with the Leaders™

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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

- Please Check if you are a US Citizen
- Check here to NOT receive Patches and Pins
- Check here to NOT receive MRF Email Alerts
- Check here to receive MRF Reports electronically (email)

Date's that I'll and Freeport Chapter members will be setting up the Bike Raffle Display. Selling raffle tickets, and doing a membership drive for ABATE & the MRF.



ABATE Swap Meet Springfield March 19, 2023, working the MRF table. Thanks to Paulette Korte for taking the pictures.



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



Big weekend at the Darlington Canoe Festival, and the Lafayette County Speedway, 702 E. Louisa Street, Darlington, WI. Friday night Stock Car Races. Saturday Motorcycle Races. [www.dairylandclassic.com](http://www.dairylandclassic.com) After the races the 51<sup>st</sup>, Annual Beowulf M.C. Summer Party.

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



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

\$15.00 per person, 13 years and older.

12 years and younger "Free" for the motorcycle flat track races.

All adults, 21 years and older can stay for the 51<sup>st</sup>, Annual Beowulf M.C. Summer Party. ID's will be checked. Must be born on, or before June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

## Tips for riding every day of the year!

1. Slow down a little. That S curve is sharper than you think!
2. Just because your bike can go 100 mph between two stoplights doesn't mean you should do it.
3. Maintenance is that un-fun thing you do to keep from walking home!
4. When in doubt, always take a jacket. When not in doubt, still take the jacket.
5. It always seems farther back home than it was to your destination. Don't ride so far that it stops being fun!
6. Ride safe! No one wants to attend your funeral and talk about how much you loved bikes. They want to go riding with you and talk about what a great time you had.
7. Stop for gas even if you don't need it. You may wish you had later.
8. Chrome won't get you laid, unless you're already good looking.
9. WAVE!!!! Even if the rider is on a scooter or a different brand. They just might be saving for their "Dream" motorcycle.
10. Don't ride beyond your skill level trying to keep up with the rider in front of you.
11. Keep your passenger feeling safe? They're riding with you because they trust you. Don't scare them & ruin motorcycling for them.
12. Buy quality rain gear. Being wet when it's warm is tolerable. Being wet when it's cold is miserable.
13. Riding 500 miles a day on the interstate is do-able. Riding 500 miles a day in the mountains is impossible.
14. Allow yourself time to "see the sights".
15. The larger the group, the longer it takes to get there.
16. The "ride" is about the Journey, not the destination.

Life, and riding, is not a contest. You can't win them all.

Author unknown.

Stolen off the internet.

### March 20, 2023, Battle Lines Being Drawn

In August 2022 California Governor Gavin Newsom announced, and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved, an executive order requiring sales of all new passenger vehicles be zero-emission by 2035. While the California directive doesn't include motorcycles yet, motorcyclist advocates in the Golden State have warned that motorcycles will be an obvious next target.

Unsurprisingly, other states quickly followed suit and enacted similar policies. Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington, New York, New Jersey, and Maryland have all sought to put similar restrictions in place. In total 17 states have laws that bind their emissions regulations to those of California.

However, leaders in many states, including those that are obliged to follow California's lead, are pushing back. In Colorado, the Energy Office said, *"While the governor shares the goal of rapidly moving towards electric vehicles, he is skeptical about requiring 100% of cars sold to be electric by a certain date as technology is rapidly changing."*

Virginia governor Glenn Youngkin was even more forceful, *"I am already at work to prevent this ridiculous edict from being forced on Virginians. California's out of touch laws have no place in our Commonwealth."*

This month the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted down a bill that would have forced New Hampshire to match California's emissions goals.

Congressional Republicans are also joining the fight against the California policies. Last week H.R. 1435 was introduced, titled the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act." H.R. 1435 would amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines, effectively overruling California's move. Within just a week, 66 cosponsors from 26 different states joined in support.

The movement isn't contained to the United States. Last month, the European Parliament formally approved a law to effectively ban the sale of new gas and diesel powered vehicles in the European Union starting in 2035. But Europe, too, is seeing pushback. Farmers in the Netherlands have taken to the streets in protest of emissions regulations. Member nations of the EU are also expressing a desire to make changes to the newly enacted policy. Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia are discussing what changes they'd like to see to the European Union's 2035 plan.

This issue is not new to the MRF. Our 2023 legislative agenda includes this priority: *"Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that endanger the future of motorcycling."*

We are ready for this fight and will work with partners across the country to defend the future of motorcycling and the lifestyle we cherish!

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| Date | Chapter Meetings 2023  |
|------|--|
| 5/01 |  |
| 5/02 | Freedom Riders   |
| 5/03 | Richland County  |
| 5/04 | Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County   |
| 5/05 | Richland County  |
| 5/06 | So Illinois 27   |
| 5/07 | Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz, Kishwaukee Valley              |
| 5/08 |  |
| 5/09 | Midstate   |
| 5/10 | Will County  |
| 5/11 | Heart of Illinois, Old River, St. Clair  |
| 5/12 |  |
| 5/13 | <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b><br>Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads |
| 5/14 | Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Liberty, Windy City, Ten Mile Creek   |
| 5/15 | Tri County   |
| 5/16 | DuKane, Lincoln Land   |
| 5/17 | Chicago  |
| 5/18 | South Suburban   |
| 5/19 |  |
| 5/20 | Black Diamond Shawnee Hills  |
| 5/21 | Freeport, Prairieland  |
| 5/22 |  |
| 5/23 |  |
| 5/24 |  |
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| 5/27 | Northern Illinois  |
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(Subject to Change) All Board Meetings will be held at the  
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| May 6  | E-Board Meeting<br>(Ramada Inn (across from the Northfield Inn))                  |
| May 7<br>May 15-16                             | Freedom Rally<br>Bikers in the Beltway  |
| June 17<br>June 22-25                          | E-Board and BOD meetings<br>State Party   |
| July 15  | E-Board Meeting   |
| August 19                                      | E-Board and BOD meetings<br>(nominations)   |
| September 4<br>September 16<br>September 21-24 | Bike Raffle Drawing<br>E-Board Meeting<br>Meeting of the Minds<br>(Harrisburg PA) |
| October 21                                     | E-Board and BOD meetings<br>(nominations)   |
| November 18                                    | E-Board meeting   |
| December 16                                    | E-Board and BOD meetings<br>(elections)<br>Christmas Party                        |



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| BLACK DIAMOND CHAPTER     | 525 S BROAD ST        | CARLINVILLE    | IL    | 62626      | 217-710-9338 | DANNY            | 9/1994    | 1/1/2023   | SW  |       |
| BLACKHAWK CHAPTER         | PO BOX 332            | E MOLINE       | IL    | 61244-0332 | 309-269-2355 | MARVIN           | 7/1987    | 1/1/2023   | NW  |       |
| CENTRAL IL CHAPTER        | PO BOX 1084           | GALESBURG      | IL    | 61402-1084 | 309-368-4622 | BOB              | 7/1985    | 1/1/2023   | WC  |       |
| CHICAGO CHAPTER           | PO BOX 410594         | CHICAGO        | IL    | 60641      | 708-280-6053 | PAT              | 1/1986    | 1/10/2023  | NE  |       |
| CRAWFORD COUNTY CHAPTER   | 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  | 24    |
| 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  | 28    |
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