

From the President: Chris Hansen

Hello DuKane ABATE!

November has almost come and gone. I hope that you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving that you got to spend with family and friends and that you managed to get in some wind therapy! I am truly thankful for the hard work of the DuKane ABATE BOD throughout the year and to the DuKane ABATE Membership for making the DuKane ABATE Chapter the best chapter in Illinois. I am here to work for all of you, and with the work that you all do and the drive you all bring to the table to do it, you make it easy. Thank you all! I also want to take this time to send my condolences to Vice President Randy Ramey on the loss of his Stepfather Senator James “Pate” Philip. Randy, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.



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

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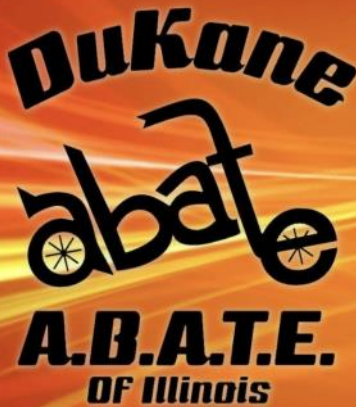
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AND THE LEGACY OF
MOTORCYCLING FOR OUR FUTURE
GENERATIONS TO COME.**

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President: Chris Hansen

I do want to touch on one of the topics that we discussed at our Monthly Membership Meeting. The importance of Safety and Education. I want to commend Safety and Education Officer Steve Waltz and Membership Officer Mark Garrison for taking time from their schedules to constantly get into classrooms and teach students the importance of motorcycle awareness and safety. They will have spoken to over 5,000 students in 2023. This is a truly remarkable feat! The importance of letting students (who are newer and inexperienced drivers) know that we are on the roads and to watch for us is critical. Teaching this to them young sets the expectation going forward that this is always something they will pay attention to. We all know that younger drivers are also the biggest offenders when it comes to texting and driving. This is another important reason to get in front of these students. I truly appreciate the passion that Steve and Mark put into this, along with making sure they have the tools that are needed to keep our message in front of students daily. I'd like to thank Steve Graef and Law Tigers for purchasing pamphlets to hand out to students and for agreeing to pay for posters that will get hung inside these schools year-round. Steve Waltz and Mark Garrison set the bar in Illinois with what they do, and I'm damn proud of them and this chapter for it!



Congratulations to the 2024 DuKane ABATE BOD Elect as decided unanimously by the DuKane Chapter. The elects are: President Chris Hansen, BOD Representative Kley Abel, Events Officer Chris Newman, Secretary Amy Nelson, Newsletter Officer Mike Nicholson, Safety and Education Officer Steve Waltz, and Independent Representative #1 John Bloch. Thank you to all for your time and dedication to fighting for the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane County and I look forward to serving with all of you for another 2 years. The 2024 DuKane ABATE BOD will be seated on January 16, 2024.

Make sure to join us on December 19th for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. Dinner is on us (bring a dessert to pass if you'd like) and we will have a ham raffle to get you ready for Christmas. This will be our Christmas Party with Santa Claus in attendance! 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.

Congratulations to Horsepower for receiving a certificate from ABATE of Illinois for Bike Raffle Sales in the amount of \$1,910 and to Mike Sobie, Horsepower, and Nathan Klapatch for winning the turkey raffle at our last Monthly Membership Meeting!

Until next month,
Ride Safe – Ride Free
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**SANTA CLAUS WILL BE
AT THE NEXT DUKANE
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AND CHRISTMAS PARTY
ON DECEMBER 19!**


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OMG! SANTA!

I KNOW HIM!



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**START SEEING
MOTORCYCLES!**



Vice President/Legislative Rep.; Randy Ramey

Hello All,

The House and Senate are out until January. There will be many holiday functions and they will be out and about. Be sure to thank our friends if you see them!

I was asked a question on electric bicycles and if there will be any regulation. I have spoken to a few elected officials and they said there has been no mention. They said they would wait to see if ABATE will have a stance.



103rd ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly stands adjourned. The Legislature will begin its 2024 Spring Legislative Session (the second year in the two-year 103rd General Assembly) on January 16, 2024.

Both chambers are now in the process of forwarding to the Governor all legislation passed during the recent Fall Veto Session. As a reminder, the General Assembly has 30 days (from the date of passage) to forward the bills to the Governor for his consideration. The Governor then has 60 days from receipt of the legislation to act. If the Governor fails to act during that time, the bill automatically becomes law.

2024 Key Dates and Session Deadlines:

January 19 - February 9: LRB Blackout Period – No Requests Will Be Accepted
February 9: Senate and House Bill Filing Deadline and LRB Amendment Requests Begin
February 21: Governor’s Budget and State of the State Address
March 15: Senate Committee Deadline for Senate Bills
March 19: Primary Election
April 5: House Committee Deadline for House Bills
April 12: Senate Third Reading Deadline
April 19: House Third Reading Deadline
May 3: Committee Deadline for Bills in the Opposite Chamber
May 17: House and Senate Third Reading Deadline for Bills in the Opposite Chamber
May 24: Adjournment
May 25 – 31: Contingent Session Days

GOVERNOR’S HIGHLIGHTS:

ICC Decisions: The Illinois Commerce Commission disallowed funding and paused the Peoples Gas System Modernization Program (a pipeline replacement program) pending a new investigation into the best approach to modernization of the outdated underground infrastructure. The ICC also approved smaller-than-requested rate increases next year for Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas and Nicor Gas. The Illinois Commerce Commission also disallowed \$36.34 million to Ameren Illinois’ rate request for its natural gas delivery services in Illinois. The decision is around 50 percent lower than Ameren’s initial request for a \$71.57 million increase. Read more [here](#).

Back to Business Grants Available: The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is offering \$25 million in grant funding through the Back to Business (B2B) NewBiz program. This latest ARPA-funded opportunity is designed to provide additional support for businesses in hard-hit sectors who launched during the pandemic. Businesses that launched in 2020 or 2021 and remain in operation have faced significant impacts during the pandemic, but they have not been eligible for other federal or state relief programming since they were not operational prior to the pandemic.

Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program and Ambulance Revolving Loan Program: Nearly \$7.2 million in no interest or low interest loans were awarded to emergency responders through the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program and Ambulance Revolving Loan Program.

Vice President/Legislative Rep.; Randy Ramey

Gubernatorial Appointments: Roxanne Nava will continue to serve as a Member of the Illinois Finance Authority.

Snowmobile Trail Grants: Seven snowmobile trail projects in Illinois were recently awarded \$392,150 for the development, rehabilitation, and maintenance of the trails.

Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant: Willowbrook Wildlife Center, which is within the Forest Preserve of DuPage County, received a \$4,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Preservation Fund to install a shallow pool drain in the rehabilitation bird enclosure to facilitate the drainage, cleaning, and refilling of the water source within that enclosure. Willowbrook Wildlife Center rehabilitates about 10,000 sick, injured, or orphaned wild animals annually.



Wildlife Habitat Restoration Grants: Seven organizations were awarded state Habitat Fund Project grants from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This grant program enhances game and non-game wildlife habitat through projects developed by non-profit organizations and governmental entities.

OTHER NEWS:

Chicago Budget Approved: The Chicago City Council approved a \$16.77 billion budget on Wednesday, the first of Mayor Brandon Johnson's tenure.

Ige Appointed Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health: Mayor Brandon Johnson selected Dr. Olusimbo “Simbo” Ige to serve as the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health, replacing Dr. Allison Arwady whom Johnson fired three months ago. Ige most recently worked at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation where she was the managing director of programs since January. Prior to that, Ige was the Assistant commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Updated Response to Migrant Crisis: Governor Pritzker announced Thursday that the state of Illinois (through the Department of Human Services) will provide an additional \$160 million to help care for the thousands of migrants in Chicago. The new funding will be allocated as follows: \$30 million to create a “large intake and welcome center” at an undisclosed location, \$65 million to help Chicago establish a tent base camp to provide shelter for up to 2,000 people at a time and another \$65 million to help coordinate the resettlement of migrants, including rental assistance.

When asked why the General Assembly did not appropriate supplemental funding for this purpose, the Governor’s office argued that this is “humanitarian emergency” and a spokesperson said “the state has authority within the Illinois Department of Human Services budget to reallocate dollars.” Mayor Brandon Johnson indicated that his administration will be implementing a 60-day limit on shelter stays, which will be paired with intensified case management and housing assistance from the State. Read more [here](#).

Cook County will also offer additional funds to address the migrant crisis. About \$70 million be allocated to provide medical care for migrants and another \$20 million will be available to suburban communities to help cover costs related to providing services for migrants.



Vice President/Legislative Rep.; Randy Ramey

2024 Election Update: Senator Willie Preston will face Lamont Williams in the Democratic Primary in the 16th Senate District.

Representative Mary Flowers will be engaged in a three-way primary race, facing fellow Democrats Michael Crawford and Mark Hamberlin, in the Democratic primary in the 31st House District.

Representative Cyril Nicols will face Lisa Davis in the Democratic primary in the 32nd House District.

Attorney Rick Ryan will face Sonia Ann Khalil in the Democratic primary in the 36th House District to replace retiring Leader Kelly Burke.

Faye Abushaban will challenge Representative Keivin Olickal in the 16th House District Democratic primary.

Thank you,
Randy



Education and Safety; Steve Waltz

Happy Thanksgiving. November got here before we all knew what was happening. We are slowing down on school visits with most of them wrapped up for 2023. We have had a great year and expect to have spoken with more driver education students than any past year. The final numbers will come together in the January newsletter.

For those who are still riding don't forget about the Chicago Toys For Tots Run taking place December 3rd. Always an awesome event and helps make the holidays great for lots of kids. Don't forget when you're on the road watch out for the other guy cause they sure as hell don't watch out for you.

Steve Waltz
Safety and Education



Webmaster/Public Relations: Nathan Klapatch

Hey, everyone,

Seems like motorcycle season is coming to close. I'm sure you've had several days to enjoy a last ride of the year-or at least, what you thought would be your last ride of year. And speaking of rides, I have an interesting bit of news relating to the Toy Run ride we had last month. One of our riders recorded some 360 videos of the ride and has posted the ride in 2 parts on his YouTube channel, Alldaynerds. Not only can you see us riding, but you can also look around as if you were there! It's a pretty cool piece of work, so feel free to check out [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) on YouTube.

But aside from that update, there was a recent incident with an Illinois legislator that caught our attention. State Representative Matt Hanson was recently charged with DUI, his court case being on November 22nd. While it is a shame that a politician would make a fool of himself like this, I don't think it's something that we can get self-righteous about. After all, he did give in to a temptation involving a substance that many of us drink during our meetings. I'm sure that several of us have struggled with addictions or at least drank more than we should have at some point. In a way, this story shows that despite their positions, our higher-ups are a lot like us...perhaps, a little too much like us. And, of course, it's a reminder we should be careful not to get too drunk so that we don't get into trouble and make hypocrites of ourselves as we try to promote road safety.

With that in mind, I hope you have a happy and safe rest of the year!

Nathan Klapatch



Treasurer: Mark Del Monaco

Not much to report for November. October finances are balanced with the bank statement and any other expense/income we had (and there were plenty due to the Toy & Food Run). I walked Chris Hansen and Randy Ramey through my DuKane Abate Treasurer's Excel document so they know exactly what I'm doing as far as balancing our income/expenses with the bank statement and how I'm referencing 990 tax form categories and our budget categories. Chris and Randy now also have sign-in access to all the Treasurer files via the cloud backup – just in case something happens to me. On the ToDo list is balancing Nov and Dec and then validating the 990 tax report does exactly what I planned it to do where every penny is accounted for in terms of the *purpose* of income or expense.



There are several things to be grateful for this Thanksgiving season, most of all, each other. Motorcyclists, in my opinion, are the most generous, thoughtful, and willing people you'd want to meet. Yeah, some of us may look a little rough around the edges and be a little strong with our language, but you'll never find a group more willing to help their fellow friend or stranger than the motorcycling community. Unfortunately, too many of this fine group passed away this year and that's saddening, but we carry on and look forward to tomorrow.

The Winter Solstice is December 21, 2023 and our day times will starting getting longer; more sun, more warmth, more motorcycling opportunities.

Don't forget, we're holding a Christmas party like last year at our member's meeting on Tuesday December 19th; Santa, food, a challenge game, presents... it should be a good time. Do something for somebody else this month; surprise them.

If you have questions, comments, or improvement recommendations, just e-mail me at DuKaneTreasure2014@gmail.com. I'll do my best to respond quickly and thoughtfully.

Mark Del Monaco

A promotional graphic for DuKane Abate A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. The top left features the text "MOTORCYCLISTS HAVE THE BIGGEST HEARTS WHEN IT COMES TO GIVING BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES!". Below this, it says "DUKANE ABATE GIVES BACK TO DUPAGE AND KANE COUNTIES!". The main body of the graphic shows a large white truck trailer overflowing with boxes of toys and food. Text on the left side of the truck reads: "Every year, DuKane ABATE collects toys and food for children in need each Christmas season. It's for the kids!". The DuKane Abate A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois logo is in the top right. At the bottom, it says "JOIN DUKANE ABATE TODAY! WWW.DUKANEABATEIL.ORG".



A promotional graphic for DuKane Abate A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. The top right features the text "RIDING. IT LEAVES YOU SPEECHLESS. THEN TURNS YOU INTO A STORYTELLER." with three dots above and below. The main image shows two motorcycle riders on a road. A circular logo in the top right corner reads "FOR THE RIGHTS OF MOTORCYCLISTS" and "Dukane Abate A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Dupage and Kane County, Illinois".

MOTORCYCLE CLUBS ARE NOT GANGS!



VILLAGE OF ELBURN

**KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD. DON'T
TEXT AND DRIVE.**

NEW TEXTING AND DRIVING FINES:

1ST OFFENSE - \$250

2ND OFFENSE - \$500

THIRD+ OFFENSE - \$750

1ST OFFENSE IN A SCHOOL ZONE - \$500

2ND+ OFFENSE IN A SCHOOL ZONE - \$750

Texting drivers are incredibly dangerous for motorcyclists in DuPage County and Kane County, and this is a problem we need to continue to work to eradicate. There are laws in place to stop this and fines that come with those laws. Put the cell phones down, keep your eyes on the road, and START SEEING MOTORCYCLES! We're still on the road! [#DuKaneABATE](#) [#ABATEIL](#) [#ABATE2023](#) [#BikeLife](#) [#IllinoisMotorcycles](#) [#MotorcycleLife](#) [#ThrottleTherapy](#) [#2Wheels](#) [#Ride](#) [#MotorcyclesArePrimary](#) 🏍️

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Need proof MC Profiling still exists in DuPage and Kane County? Here's a statement from someone to show you that it's definitely out there. This profiling and negative stigmas leave DuKane ABATE with a lot of motivation to work harder and eradicate this issue. [#DuKaneABATE](#) [#ABATEIL](#) [#ABATE2023](#) [#BikeLife](#) [#IllinoisMotorcycles](#) [#MotorcycleLife](#) [#ThrottleTherapy](#) [#2Wheels](#) [#Ride](#) [#MotorcyclesArePrimary](#) 🏍️

Secretary: Amy Nelson



DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois
Membership Meeting Date: 11/21/2023



TIME Meeting Starts: 7:30pm

Attendance:

Chris Hansen	X	Randy Ramey		Chris Newman	X
Viper		Mark Del Monaco	X	Steve Waltz	X
Kley Abel	X	Mike Nicholson	X	Mark Garrison	X
John Bloch	X	Nathan Klapatch	X	Horsepower	X
Amy Nelson					

Call To Order** Pledge of Allegiance **

New Members Welcome!

Names of New Members:

Officer Reports

The officers of the board give their reports. These are not voted on or need to be accepted.

NE Region Coordinator: Rich Gruner

GUEST SPEAKERS (if any) None

President – Chris Hansen

Chris presented Independent Rep #2 Horsepower with a Certificate from ABATE of Illinois for Bike Raffle Sales totaling \$1,910. He spoke about John Jones and how the chapter has continued to follow up on his death. Kane County State's Attorney has made a decision on the charges and will have a meeting with President Chris Hansen, Vice President Randy Ramey, Events Officer Chris Newman, and John's widow and family on Monday November 27th. Chris H. will be attending via Zoom as he'll be in Oregon for work. Geneva Police Department will also be in attendance for this meeting. Chris H. will have an update for the chapter at the next membership meeting. He also spoke about Elburn, IL. They just passed an ordinance for texting and driving fines. The first offense will be \$250, the second offense will be \$500, and the third+ offense will be \$750. In school zones, texting and driving fines will be \$500 for the first offense and \$750 for the second+ offense. He noted that Maple Park, IL is also looking at creating this ordinance in their Village.

Vice President/Legislative – Randy Ramey

Not in attendance.

Treasurer – Mark Del Monaco

Mark spoke about how the accounting spreadsheet for the DuKane Chapter is good to go for November. He is still working on the numbers for the 37th Annual Toy and Food Run. He is also making sure that the 990s are good to go for 2023 so that he can send them to ABATE of Illinois Treasurer Paul Truax. He met with President Chris Hansen and Vice President Randy Ramey to go over the spreadsheet in details. Chris and Randy also now have access to the spreadsheet.

Secretary: Amy Nelson

Independent Rep #2 – Horsepower

Horsepower stated that the Membership deserves the Certificate for Bike Raffle Sales from ABATE of Illinois as they are the ones that put in the hard work. The DuKane Chapter made \$191 off the \$1,910 worth of sales. Horsepower stated that he'll also be visiting the Woodstock HOG Chapter more regularly to get them more involved in chapter events.

Events – Chris Newman

Chris spoke about the L.A.M.A. Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run happening Saturday November 25th leaving Wild Fire Harley-Davidson and ending at the Carol Stream American Legion Post #76. He also covered the Chicagoland Toys for Tots Run on December 3rd. The weather is currently calling for 44° and rain, so we'll keep each other posted if anyone is planning on attending the run. The last event he covered was the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar on January 19th – 20th in Springfield. He encouraged everyone to sign up and attend. Currently, Chris Newman, Nathan Klapatch, Mark Garrison, John Bloch, and Chris Hansen are planning on attending. He then talked about the 37th Annual Toy and Food Run. It was a success, even though attendance is down. There will be some changes going into next year. We will be keeping the Sycamore Speedway the end point in 2024 and will be allowed to bring food trucks into the Speedway for food. He stressed the importance of needing more volunteers. Ken Crowell stepped up to create the logo for next year's run so that we can get advertising put together earlier. Chris also stressed the next to get more involved with HOG Chapters and other riding groups to bring them into the event and chapter.

PR/Webmaster - Nathan Klapatch

Nathan spoke about someone that he met at the 37th Annual Toy and Food Run that took a 360° video of the run and that he posted in on the DuKane ABATE Facebook page for everyone to check out. You can also find the video on YouTube. Nathan also covered the recent DUI Charge against State Representative Matt Hanson and spoke about how we need to watch ourselves with certain activities when presenting motorcycle awareness and safety.

BOD State Representative – Kley Abel

No Report.

Safety & Education – Steve Waltz

Steve has 1 more set of classes he will be speaking to this year. He and Mark Garrison will have spoken to over 5,000 students in 2023. He needs more key fobs as the kids really take to them. He also spoke about how schools have posters up year-round for different groups and that he wants to get DuKane ABATE posters into these schools so that our message is in front of them year-round. Steve Graef of Law Tigers volunteered to pay for the posters. We will get these designed and over to Steve to get printed so that Steve and Mark can begin getting them up in schools.

Membership – Mark Garrison

Mark has begun sending out renewal post cards to members set to expire. He stated that those follow the renewal emails sent out by ABATE of Illinois. If there's anything he's missing, please contact Mark and let him know.

Newsletter – Mike Nicholson

The newsletter is going to be coming out shortly. He also stressed sharing the posts on our social media to help spread them around so more people are seeing them.

Road Captain: Viper

Not in attendance.

Independent Rep #1 – John Bloch

No Report.

Secretary: Amy Nelson

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Not in attendance.

Raffles

Who Won 50/50? Chris Hansen – Winning \$67.50

Who Won Turkey Raffle? Mike Sobie, Horsepower, Nathan Klapatch

Motion Made IF ANY:

Name of Person that Made the Motion: Motion made by Phil Kraft to accept the monthly membership meeting notes from October.

Second Made by:

Motion seconded by Steve Graef.

Motion Info:

Motion approved the notes from October's meeting.

Yes: _____ Unanimous _____ No: _____

Motion Carried?? Yes

Motion Made IF ANY:

Name of Person that Made the Motion: Motion made by Mark Garrison to adjourn meeting.

Second Made by:

Motion seconded by Steve Waltz.

Motion Info:

Motion adjourns meeting.

Yes: _____ Unanimous _____ No: _____

Motion Carried?? Yes

Adjourn Meeting

TIME ADJOURNED? 8:42pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! :



HAPPY
Birthday
TO OUR NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

Stephanie Kifowit
Richard Wagner
Greg Galeles
Noel Weston
Sabrina Sennett
Ken Crowell
Steve Zach
Thomas Miller

Randy Schoof
Dave Benway
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Alicia O'Connor
Brian Priester
Mark Orr

Julia Doggett
Christie Michaud
Barbara Seleski

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY



DEC 19

7:30PM

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A.B.A.T.E.
OF Illinois** *Thankful
Thanksgiving*

As Thanksgiving is approaching, we're taking a look at what we're thankful for this year. We are definitely thankful for the 2023 DuKane A.B.A.T.E. BOD who worked incredibly hard our chapter in 2023.

A group photograph of five individuals, four men and one woman, smiling. They are dressed in motorcycle gear, including jackets and caps. The background is a dark wood texture with autumn-themed decorations like pumpkins, leaves, and berries.

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A circular logo featuring a stylized tiger head in the center. Below the tiger, the text reads "LAW TIGERS" in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by "AMERICA'S MOTORCYCLE LAWYERS" in a smaller font. At the bottom of the circle, the website address "WWW.LAWTIGERS.COM" is written.

**DuKane
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OF Illinois** *Thankful
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As Thanksgiving is approaching, we're taking a look at what we're thankful for this year. We are definitely thankful for Knuckleheads Tavern who graciously hosted 2 of our events and generously supported the chapter in 2023.

A logo for Knuckleheads Tavern. It features two cartoon characters, a woman and a man, with large, expressive eyes. They are positioned above a stylized motorcycle. Below the motorcycle, the text reads "Knuckleheads" in a large, outlined font, "Tavern" in a smaller font, and "ELBURN, IL" at the bottom.

**DuKane
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OF Illinois** *Thankful
Thanksgiving*

As Thanksgiving is approaching, we're taking a look at what we're thankful for this year. We are definitely thankful for the DuKane Santa Girls who have worked hard for the chapter in 2023.

A logo for the DuKane Abate Santa Girls. It features a red and white Santa hat with a white pom-pom. Below the hat is a stylized red and white logo that resembles the letters "S" and "G" intertwined. At the bottom, the text reads "DUKANE ABATE" and "SANTA GIRLS" in red.

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And the Turkey Winners Are:



Events: Chris Newman

We had a great turnout for our November membership meeting. It is so good to see everyone there. Now that the riding season has wound down, we have started to focus on the 38th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy And Food Run! It shall be held on Sunday October 13th 2024! That's right, planning for the next Toy Run starts 2 days after the last one. We need a day to decompress.



Your DuKane ABATE Board of Directors held a special Toy Run planning meeting in late November. Recapping our 2023 Toy Run, it was overall a great success! We will do many things the same as last year, we stick with what works. Everyone agrees that Sycamore Speedway is an awesome host, so Sycamore Speedway will be our 2024 end point again. We also did discuss many potential changes to improve the Toy Run as well.



One of the main takeaways is that we need more help throughout the year to plan and market our Toy Run. Your BOD has been handling these deeds for years, but we need more help. To do this we will implement the DuKane ABATE Toy Run Task Force. We are seeking DuKane Members to volunteer and help out with key roles planning for our Toy Run. This is a great opportunity to help your chapter do great deeds for children we may never meet, without the commitment of being on the DuKane ABATE BOD.

One key role is Toy Run Outreach. We need many people to help out with this role. Are you a member of a group or club that may desire to co-op in official partnership, working with the DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run? Are you a member of HOG, Moose Riders, American Legion Riders, or a Veteran's Rider group? Get our Toy Run on their ride planning schedule as soon as you can. It does not even have to be a motorcycle related group. We could work with your Church Group, a 2nd Amendment Club, Classic Car Club, heck – even your Book Club or Bingo Group may be interested working with us. You never know if you do not ask. And as always, remember, It's For The Kids!

Marketing our Toy Run is another key role where we can use a great deal of help. Is there anyone in our ranks that might want to step forward and contribute? We need several people working together for this mission. We do already have many marketing channels that we utilize to promote the Toy Run, but, can you ever do too much marketing? I think not. Maybe you know someone at a local College with a marketing program that can use the Toy Run for a class project? Might Uncle Bob have Billboard space he can donate? Maybe Aunt Rhonda has a radio show? Bring forth your ideas. We will appreciate all the help we can get!

Charities and Vendor Coordinator Assistant. This can be done by one or split between 2 people. Judy Kaenal has been doing a great job of this forever, but she can use some help. Judy will be mentoring you and providing guidance.

Volunteers Coordinator – Keep track of all of our Volunteers and their roles. Call and confirm when and where people can help us out. Simple excel spreadsheet knowledge is required. This can be done entirely from the comfort of your home. I have been doing this task and will get you up to speed. You will not be going in cold, you will be provided with all of the information you need. I look forward to working with you all!

Events: Chris Newman

Do not miss these great events coming soon near you!

Chicagoland Toys For Tots
Northern Illinois ABATE Chili Cook-off

Sunday December 3rd 9:00AM
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Swap Meet Stuff

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Go Forth And Ride!

Newsletter: Mike Nicholson

Hi all,

The turkey is gone and so are most of the leftovers. The first snow of the season has hit the streets leaving us with slush and salt on the roads. Among the good things on the horizon is the annual Toys for Tots in Chicago.



Let me go back to Thanksgiving for a minute or two. I want to tell you about a few things I am thankful for. As with most of us I am thankful for the support my family, especially my wife, Carol, who on occasion will let me miss a minor thing to ride or support a cause I believe in .

I am also thankful for our DuKane Board. I really don't do any of the heavy lifting that is handled by the Board. It's not just the Toy and Food Run, or just the Bike Wash, or just Awareness Day, or just... You get the idea. They figure out the date, arrange locations, spread the word, work the event and more. Sometimes Board Meetings can become like making sausage, you really don't want to see how it is done but you do want to enjoy what comes out of the process in the end.

That said I m also really thankful for you, the DuKane Chapter members. You always seem to find a way do step up when we need help. You stand together when someone needs help. You show the community at large that those who ride are not what TV and movies, as well as some media and politicians, would have you believe. You have some of the largest most giving hearts I have ever seen.

Don't get me wrong. I grew up and live much of my life in Crook County. That will give you a very skewed opinion of politicians. I am thankful for the local, state and federal politicians I have met through DuKane, Damn, who would have thought they could be fun, honest people who actually mean and do what they say.

All in all I can sum it up with Thank You for being who you are and all you do.

Mike

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