



**March 11, 2023 meeting will be held at the**  
**Wood River Eagles**  
**Meeting starts at 7pm**

**Please see inside for a special announcement  
regarding the newsletter**

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Chapter Renewal Notice

Membership # (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
Original Date Joined (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Preference \_\_\_\_\_
Name(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Voter (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_
Congressional District \_\_\_\_\_ Senatorial District \_\_\_\_\_ Representative District \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_
Date of Birth (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ email address (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_
Completed a MSF Course (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Where did you hear about ABATE? \_\_\_\_\_
Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Check enclosed. Charge to: [ ] Visa [ ] Master card [ ] Discover Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_
There will be a \$2 convenience fee for credit cards
Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ CSC \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FEES: [ ] \$25.00 PER YEAR SINGLE [ ] \$45.00 PER YEAR COUPLE
MONEYSAVER SPECIAL: [ ] \$100.00 - 5 YEARS / SINGLE [ ] \$180.00 - 5 YEARS / COUPLE
ABATE-PAC SUPPORT: [ ] Add \$1.00 per year to above dues amount to support legislative contributions

\$2. of each members dues is allocated to lobbying expense.
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE & MAIL TO: A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS • PO Box 526 • Avon, IL 61415-0526
MUST BE 18 TO JOIN • 309-343-6588 (call or text) • 800-87-ABATE
Your Membership is due. Please renew today to help us fight to preserve the rights of all motorcyclist

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## A.B.A.T.E

Our Mission of Illinois is to preserve the universal right to a safe unrestricted motorcycling environment, and to propose and **ADVOCATE** actions that can be taken by elected officials to protect and conserve the natural resources of the State of IL.

How much do you Advocate? We don't just ride motorcycles, do we? Riding is our life, for some of us it's embedded in our DNA. We need everyone to come together and support ABATE.

How would you feel if one day riding was just a memory? How can you help ?

Keep renewing your membership,

Show up to meetings,

Show up to events,

Show up to Legislative days,

Tell people about Abate.

Could you do just one of these?

Ride safe

Rooster

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

***The March 11 meeting will be at the Wood River Eagles. Come early and celebrate Saint Patrick's day with you ABATE family.***

Our April 8 meeting will be held at the Wood River Eagles. Please spread the word of the change of location.

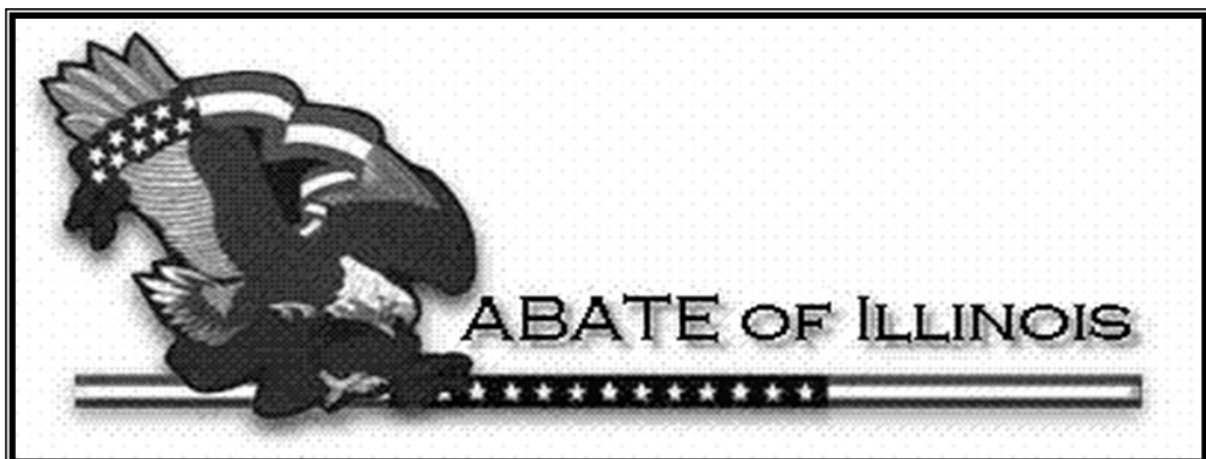
**April 8 will also be the reading of mileage for the end of the Winter Iron Butt and the beginning of the Summer Iron Butt. Make sure to ride you bike to be entered in the fun.**

Bike Raffle Tickets are available for sale. See me if you would like tickets to sell. Bike Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.

Be safe and be seen

Martha

**Join our Facebook group for all the latest news:**



# SOUTHWEST REGION REPORT

The James " Legs" Korte Memorial Marble Run starts Feb 1, 2023 and will end September 30, 2023. Books are now available.

State Swap meet is March 19th, 2023 at the Orr building in Springfield IL.

Legislative day is March 22, 2023 at Floyd's Thirst Parlor in Springfield IL. Starts at 8:00 am. Vital to have a large turn out.

Biking Life Swap Meet is May 7th, 2023 at the Belle Clair Fairgrounds. All help is Welcome!

Next Region meeting is March 17th, 2023 at Hanks Bowl in Trenton IL

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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Hartbauer McBride Trivia Night fund raiser was a fun evening. Piasa Gateway showed up to give support to those who are helping us bikers. These trivia nights always leave me wondering how some of these people know the kind of facts and answers that come up at trivia. Our chapter had fun hosting the mouse race at the Owls Club. We need to apologize for holding it on the same night as the Hog Chapter's - When the date was being set, there was nothing brought up at our meeting about the Hog's date. So, unknowingly we created a problem. That won't happen next year. In spite of this problem, there was good attendance, lots of kids, and everyone was having a great time. I'm looking forward to next years' event.

May is "Motorcycle Awareness" month. ABATE members need to get yard signs sold and put out. Proclamations need to be sent to the city halls. Download a proclamation and mail it in to your local city hall, asking to be put on the City Council Agenda for May. This gets attention to the increase of motorcycles out on the streets due to warmer weather. Making motorists aware of bikers can help save lives and accidents. So do your part to help us spread the word.

Make plans to be at the next Piasa Gateway meeting. We need you to come out and join us as we gear up for the coming summer. The meeting will be Saturday, on March 11, 7 PM at the Eagles Club in downtown Wood River. You can bring people with you, if it would make you feel more comfortable. We welcome you and yours and look forward to seeing you there.

I support ABATE by donating my time to keep track of membership for the Piasa Gateway Chapter. I am the membership coordinator... So, check your membership card and see when your membership expires. The \$25.00 fee you paid is only good for one year. I've noticed a lot of people are now paying \$100.00 which is good for a 5 year membership. This is more convenient and saves a little money. Either way, to continue to support our motorcycle rights organization, we need everyone to renew when their membership expires. Without our members, ABATE wouldn't exist. We would have no one to stand up for us against the self driving cars and trucks, fight to keep ethanol out of our gas, oversee and fight legislation that can be bad for motorcyclists... Your membership helps with all this and keeps it going. If you like to ride, and want the right to ride to be around for your grandkids, you need to be involved and help keep bikers rights protected. At our meetings we discuss the current legislation that affects motorcyclists, learn how to contact our legislators and let them know how we feel about this. Your voice can make a difference. Join us Saturday evening March 11, 7 pm Eagles Club Ferguson Ave, Wood River IL.

Dona Ely, Piasa Gateway Chapter Membership Coordinator.



# ACTIVITIES

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone has had a great start to your year. Thank you to everyone that came out to the Abate Mouse Races this year. Also, thank you to Motorheads, Salty Dawgs, Fire & Iron, Bob Meyer, 007 Cycles and Ted's Harley for sponsoring the races. It was a great night and can't wait until next year. Stayed tune for upcoming events.

Theresa "Polaroid" Rawlings





**A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois  
SWAP MEET  
AND  
MOTORCYCLE  
SHOW**

**A.B.A.T.E.**  
of  
Illinois

Illinois State Fairgrounds,  
ODR Building  
801 E. Sangamon Ave.  
Springfield, IL 62702  
**Date & Time :**  
March 19, 2023 | 8am

**For More Information**  
1-800-67-ABATE  
[www.abate-il.org](http://www.abate-il.org)

**SUPPORTING  
MOTORCYCLISTS'  
RIGHTS**

Early Bird Admission  
\$10 for adults  
12 & under free

General Admission  
\$7 for adults  
12 & under free

# ABATE OF ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE DAY

Wednesday March 22  
Floyd's Thirst Parlor  
Springfield, IL



Morning  
8-10am  
Reception  
6-9pm



We need all hands on deck for this important day of work, so have plans to attend!

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what you ride**



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to get Respect**



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# Piasa-Gateway Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois 2023 Meeting Schedule

March 11	Wood River Eagles 74 East Ferguson Ave, Wood River, Il
April 8	Wood River Eagles 74 East Ferguson Ave, Wood River, Il
May 13	Wood River Eagles 74 East Ferguson Ave, Wood River, Il
June 10	Cottage Hills VFW 121 South Williams St. Cottage Hills, IL
July 8	Wood River Eagles 74 East Ferguson Ave, Wood River, Il
August 12	Wood River Eagles 74 East Ferguson Ave, Wood River, Il
September 9	Wood River Eagles 74 East Ferguson Ave, Wood River, IL
October 14	Cottage Hills VFW 121 South Williams St. Cottage Hills, IL
November 11	Wood River Eagles 74 East Ferguson Ave, Wood River, Il
December 9	Cottage Hills VFW 121 South Williams St. Cottage Hills, IL

\*\*\*\*\*Notice change of location for the April and  
August meeting. \*\*\*\*\*



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**Martha**