



February 11, 2023 meeting will be held at the  
**COTTAGE HILLS VFW**  
Meeting starts at 7pm

Piasa – Gateway Chapter  
ABATE of Illinois  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; RENEWAL FEES:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 PER YEAR SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 PER YEAR COUPLE
<b>MONEYSAVER SPECIAL:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 - 5 YEARS / SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180.00 - 5 YEARS / COUPLE
<b>ABATE-PAC SUPPORT:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Add \$1.00 per year to above dues amount to support legislative contributions	

\$2. of each members dues is allocated to lobbying expense.

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**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 February 11 meeting will find us at the Cottage Hills VFW. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come early for and visit with you friends before the meeting.**

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

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.

Spring is just around the corner. Before we know it, we will be riding to meetings and enjoy fellowship with our fellow bikers.

Be safe and be seen

Martha

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

**Piasa-Gateway Chapter, ABATE of Illinois**



# SOUTHWEST REGION REPORT

## 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!

Shoal Creek will be having their annual Chili Cook off on February 11, 2023 at the Vandalia Moose Club in Vandalia, IL.

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

Ride Safe  
Rooster

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I hope you and your family are surviving the winter season and staying warm. As I write this, I am getting ready for the Hartbauer McBride Trivia Night fund raiser. I am sure that it will be a fun time and I hope that there are a lot of ABATE members there to help fund this Biker Supporting Organization.

I am also looking forward to the Piasa Gateway Chapter's annual Mouse Race event on February 4th. These races are a ton of fun and I really enjoy going to them. It's a great way to support the ABATE organization and have a great evening out.

The next event, after the mouse race, will be the chapter monthly meeting on February 11th at the Cottage Hills VFW - 7 PM. Can you plan to be with us that evening, and bring a neighbor or friend with you? This is the time of the year when the plans are being made for the future riding season.

Your input is important to us. We need fresh faces and fresh ideas to help our chapter grow and enjoy raising money for ABATE OF ILLINOIS, the freedom fighter for ALL BIKERS.

Please check your membership card. As your membership coordinator, it is my duty to remind those whose memberships expire to renew. Your membership can be renewed by going on line to [ABATE-IL.ORG](http://ABATE-IL.ORG) and get yourself updated. Of course, you can still send in the renewal forms you get in the mail from me, or you can fill out the membership application included in this newsletter. If you prefer, You can also come to a meeting and give the money and information to me in person. The following memberships expired in December: Gary Beierman, Kathy Best, Kevin Cook, Linda Cox, Dion DeVan, Kevin Grapperhaus, Barbara Harrison, Larry Harrison, Jim Hilmes, Terri Hilmes, Ronald Klein, Kent Maedge, James Pleasant, Wilson Rawlings, Michelle Scott, Danny Wahle, Cory Wiemelt. The following expired in January: Ron Crane, Amy Elik, Dorothy Gibson, Ron Howard, Brian Osborn, Michelle Osborn, Mel Palmer, Darrell Pellazari, Brian Schwarz, Cheryl Voegele, John Voegele, Ed Walls, Maryann Widman. The following expire in February: Charles Coffey, John and Judy Conrad, Patty Glasco, Paulette Korte, Tom Wilson.

Dona Ely,

Piasa Gateway Chapter Membership Coordinator.

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

February 11	Cottage Hills VFW 121 South Williams St. Cottage Hills, IL
March 11	Wood River Eagles 74 East Ferguson Ave, Wood River, IL
April 8	Cottage Hills VFW 121 South Williams St. Cottage Hills, 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	Cottage Hills VFW 121 South Williams St. Cottage Hills, 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



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

A.B.A.T.E.



Illinois State Fairgrounds,  
ODR Building  
801 E. Sangamon Ave.  
Springfield, IL 62702  
**Date & Time :**  
March 19, 2023 | 8am  
**For More Information**  
1-800-87-ABATE  
www.abate-il.org

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RIGHTS

Early Bird Admission  
\$10 for adults  
19 & under free  
General Admission  
\$7 for adults  
19 & 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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