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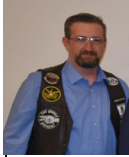
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT



By Josh
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"It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas" – A bombshell report published June 10th in the Washington Post detailed far more collisions involving Tesla vehicles operating in

Autopilot or Full Service Driving Mode than had previously been reported. According to the Post, 736 collisions have occurred since 2019 with 17 of them being fatal. In June 2022, only 3 fatal incidents had been reported, so this new in-depth report revealed flaws in the current reporting system. Four of the 17 fatalities involved motorcycles. Previously only 3 motorcycle fatalities had been disclosed. This also means that 23.5% of Tesla autonomous fatalities are from motorcycles. Motorcycles on average are 14% of all traffic fatalities, which means there is a greater chance of a Tesla killing a motorcyclist than the average vehicle by an almost 68% increase. This led a leading expert on Autonomous Vehicles to declare that **"It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas"**. ABATE of Illinois continues to push for regulations on these dangerous vehicles at the national level, and in Illinois. We are continuing to push for a working group this summer to draft comprehensive legislation in Illinois. I brought this article up to Speaker Welch at an event and he told me that he had already read the article and was thinking about the conversations I have had with him about Tesla. Hopefully this will lead to some action on the issue.

Corn Growers Sneak Ethanol Expansion into Omnibus Bill – On Friday May 16th at 1:45pm, House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1963 was posted with a committee hearing to happen one hour later at 2:45pm. This 558-page bill was known as the 'Revenue Omnibus' Bill and contained over two dozen different bills rolled into one plus additional requests from various leaders. Among those requests was a small provision that gives 15% Ethanol fuels a special tax rebate with a sunset date of 2028. The intent is to expand the use of E-15 fuels in gas stations around Illinois, but E-15 fuel is not useable by motorcycles, classic cars, medium & heavy trucks, boats, small engines, etc. ABATE of Illinois found out about the ethanol provision in this bill 15 minutes after it was posted, and we testified in committee against the bill. When the bill was debated on the house floor at 9:30pm, almost all the debate was centered on ABATE's opposition to the Ethanol incentives. Ultimately this bill did pass and is headed to the Governor's Desk. **ABATE was the only group who formally opposed the bill. Even though we were alone, ABATE still fought to the best of our ability in the short time we had.** We

are being told by our friends at the petroleum council and by the corn growers that this will not lead to significant expansion of E-15, but ABATE will continue to monitor the situation and work to pass legislation that will ensure access to the fuels motorcycles need to keep running.

ABATE Off Road Success- This legislative season, ABATE was able to protect the off-highway vehicle trails grant program money from being taken by a proposed tick disease research project. These funds lead to the development of trails for use by the ATV, SxS, and dirt bike community. If the proposed legislation had passed, the grants would no longer exist. ABATE has also worked with stakeholders on the issues of County highway usage by Off Road vehicles and they will be proposing legislation next year that ABATE will no longer oppose as our concerns have been addressed. The legislation still faces a huge uphill battle at the State House though. ABATE is working with the new IDNR director, Natalie Phelps Finnie to finally get the state-owned off-road park opened in southern Illinois.

ABATE Initiated Bills on the way to the Governor's Desk – This season, ABATE initiated two bills that were passed by the legislature and now head to the Governor's Desk. HB2582 removes the duplicate testing requirement on motorcyclists under 18. Once this bill takes effect, riders under 18 will only need to take & successfully complete the 20hr MSF class available through IDOT. SB896 legalizes Red LED underglow while braking, and legalizes LED insert turn signals, wrap around signals, and handlebar signals.

ABATE Supported Bills on the way to the Governor's Desk – HB2231 removes 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. SB2028 updates Driver's Education Material to include best practices to be safe around disabled vehicles and stranded motorists, including motorcycles. HB2131 puts a representative of motorcyclists on a proposed zero traffic fatality study group. HB2431 makes it illegal to video conference while driving.

Bills that ABATE defeated this year – HB1108 would've brought noise monitoring to Lake Shore Drive, which has been shown to be a precursor to automated noise enforcement which targets motorcycles unfairly. HB3238 banned body armor possession including many common motorcycle protective clothing items. HB1634 & SB2050 would've brought California Emissions Stand-

ards to Illinois, banning internal combustion engines after 2035, and enacting standards that are hostile to motorcycles and offroad.

Cycle Rider Safety Training Program Update – The proposed award of the Northern training center grant for 2023 to Ride for Change, Ride for Hope Foundation is under review at this time. The 2024-2026 grant applicants saw ICC drop out of the Central Region, and Harper College was not able to get a legislative solution to the liability issues which caused them to drop out. As it sits right now, 75% of Illinois residents will not have access to these classes in 2024. ABATE is working on a solution to this problem, so please stay tuned.

Changes – Changes to how the legislature operates, along with new ethics laws, and how ABATE has been supporting its events at the Capitol is going to lead to discussions about how we move forward into 2024. Please make sure your BOD Representative pays close attention to the legislative report as it will have information to be discussed at your next chapter meetings.

Finally, I wanted to thank everyone at the April BOD meeting for their great questions and robust debate surrounding the proposed adoption of the bylaw revisions. I believe that a consensus exists in wanting to **protect ABATE from undue influence**, so I am reiterating my experiences in the hopes that someone might come up with a solution to the issue. I was elected Legislative Coordinator for the 1st time in 2018. In 2018 & 2019, I was pressured heavily by a person affiliated with the MRF who happened to be on the Board at that time to utilize ABATE member contact information & email systems to become a repeater for MRF emails and to try and solicit MRF

support / membership. I refused to do so due to federal rules on how email contacts can be used. Also, in 2018 ABATE of Illinois Representatives on our DC trip saw how the information from the Motorcycle Profiling Project was presented and made the recommendation not to support or present its information further. This put ABATE at odds with MRF on that issue. After almost 2 years of this pressure, I found myself the subject of false and malicious rumors designed to discredit me as a coordinator & potential lobbyist. These rumors were proven false, and 2 individuals were brought to the Executive Board for potential action in the beginning of 2020 as a result of their roles in these rumors. One of these individuals was the same MRF affiliated person who had been pressuring me since 2018. I firmly believe that these rumors were hatched because I would not bow to the pressure being applied to me in my role as Legislative Coordinator. The Executive Board voted not to pursue further action. However, the turmoil caused during this timeframe harmed the legislative relationship between ABATE & MRF and resulted in lower financial support to MRF as well. Now, why bring up something that happened 3 years ago? Very simple. Rocky Fox and I have worked really hard to create a good legislative relationship between MRF and ABATE. Two of the MRF's main legislative issues came directly from this collaboration. In light of recent events, the same ingredients that caused the turmoil from 2018-2020 are now present again in 2023. I do not want to re-live the intense turmoil that was experienced from 2018-2020, therefore I'm bringing it to the members and BOD to look for solutions. I do believe a well-crafted bylaw might work, but my attempt at such fell short. Maybe someone out there knows what we could do as an organization to combat toxic members and undue influence?



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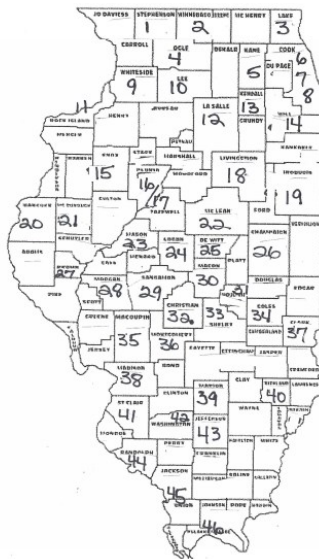
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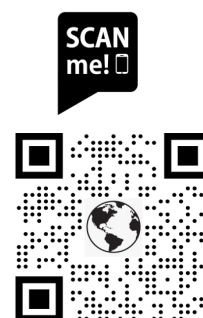
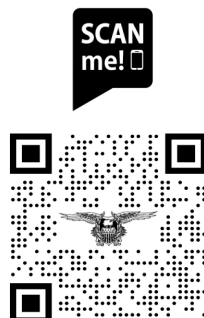
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A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education ensures that the rights and freedoms enjoyed by motorcyclists/ off-roaders/ATV riders in Illinois will not disappear. ABATE believes that freedom of choice is one we can't lose and will work with state and local 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
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Hi again A.B.A.T.E members and friends. I'm sure by now you understand that I'm big on communication and the sharing of information. It is one of the reasons I try to attend as many events as I can. With July right around the corner, chances are good that every week-end there will be events somewhere in the state, and if not, there are A.B.A.T.E. events in other states. Try getting out to some of these events. As I stated to the state E-board at the June meeting, events of any kind where you can find riders is always going to have riders wanting to talk and share information on what's happening in their neck of the woods. The sharing of any information on riding issues is a win-win for us. The more contacts we can make here and other states, the better informed we become, which helps all of us get ahead of issues. The life blood of grass root organizations like ours, is information and communication. Being informed is how we survive and how we protect our rights. So that's why I push the need to attend events across the state. They are highways for information and contacts. And that helps us remain strong.

As always thank you for being a part of A.B.A.T.E. please ride safe.

Your State Coordinator **Robert "Mouse" Ellinger**

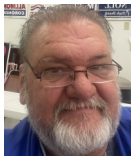


Assistant State
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Hello Everyone Hope you had fun at the State Party. Been working on the Seminar in January I have had some members ask me to change the name. So if you have an idea for a new name, please let me know. For the Seminar we are going to go back to the Basics of Abate. Yes, that is correct we are going back to teach members of how to our Elected officials. Whether in their office or at a political fund raiser. I feel we need to get back to . Any questions please feel free to get a hold of me

Scott "Scooter" Carter

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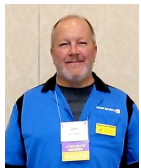
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School Presentations - Schools out! BUT many Schools are doing Summer School Driver's Ed Classes. Please contact your Schools and get in there and do them. Remember we are trying to Educate these kids to look out for us and not run us over. We cover many other areas as well.

Workshops - We have many Regional School Driver Education Workshops coming up this fall. I will set this up for you. These Workshops and Conferences are EXTREMELY IMPORTANT for us. We have the Teachers coming to us instead of us contacting them. We will thrive and grow because of this.

Fatalities - As of June 10, 2023, we have a total of 42 Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities.

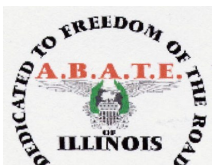
Unfortunately, by the time you read this that number will most likely rise.

BILL - Vivian and I want to Thank you all and ABATE of Illinois for Supporting our Distress Bandanna Senate Bill 2028.

It's off to the Governor's Desk!
This Bill will save a lot of lives!

Ride Smart, Ride Safe, and see ya at the State Party!

Thank you,
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Newsletter
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Articles due July 8th, 2023 for the August 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 if photos on printed issues. ***New Supporting business letter will be coming out soon.***

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Next up on the agenda reserves September 10th for the ABATE of Illinois fall swap meet. Arrangements are still being made but it looks like it will be held in Central Illinois that way it's accessible midpoint for everyone the spring swap meet was a huge success and we're very excited to do this again.

We also have a Christmas party in December after the BOD meeting so mark your calendars in advance for that as well so it's a good time great food music and games.

I would like to thank everybody again for all the support this year you've all been wonderful it's made it a pleasure holding this position
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State Secretary

Happy July,

It was great to see everyone at the State Party. It'll be one to remember.

The June BOD meeting was brief, I think it may have been a new record for short BOD meetings. We had 33 chapters represented with no business motions passed.

The next meetings are: August 19, 2023 at the Route 66, Springfield

Executive Board at 10:30 Board of Directors at 1:00pm.

Nominations for the 2024 Executive Board will begin at the August Board of Directors meeting. Please remember nominees must meet the criteria for the position they seek laid out in the by-laws. Please send letters of intent to me at secretary@abate-il.org

Ride Safe

Teri Smith
Secretary

ABATE of Illinois

Board Meetings
August 19, 2023

Executive Board at 10:30am Board of Directors at 1:00pm



Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
625 East St. Joseph Street
Springfield Illinois



ABATE State Calendar for 2023

(Subject to Change)

All Board Meetings will be held at the
Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
625 E St. Joseph Street
Springfield, Illinois

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| August 19 | E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations) |
| September 4 | Bike Raffle Drawing |
| September 16 | E-Board Meeting |
| September 21-24 | Meeting of the Minds (Harrisburg PA) |
| October 21 | E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations) |
| November 18 | E-Board meeting |
| December 16 | E-Board and BOD meetings (elections) Christmas Party |

| BOD Attendance | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-------|------|--------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Chapter | February | April | June | August | October | December | Post Cards Sent |
| Backroads | X | - | | | | | 6/23 |
| Black Diamond | - | X | | | | | |
| Blackhawk | X | X | X | | | | |
| Central Illinois | X | X | X | | | | |
| Chicago | X | X | X | | | | |
| Crawford County | X | X | X | | | | |
| Dukane | X | X | X | | | | |
| Eastern Illinois | X | X | X | | | | |
| Embarras Valley | X | X | X | | | | |
| Freebird | X | X | X | | | | |
| Freedom Riders | - | X | X | | | | |
| Freedom Valley | X | X | X | | | | |
| Freeport | X | X | X | | | | |
| Heart of Illinois | X | X | X | | | | |
| Kaskaskia Valley | X | X | X | | | | |
| Kishwaukee Valley | X | X | X | | | | |
| Lamoine Valley | X | X | | | | | |
| Liberty | X | X | X | | | | |
| Lincolmland | X | X | X | | | | |
| Midstate | X | X | | | | | |
| Northern Illinois | X | X | X | | | | |
| Old River | X | - | | | | | 6/23 |
| Open Roads | X | X | X | | | | |
| Pathfinders | X | X | | | | | |
| Peo-Taz | X | X | X | | | | |
| Piasa-Gateway | X | X | X | | | | |
| Priairieland | X | X | X | | | | |
| Richland County | X | X | X | | | | |
| Salt Creek | X | X | X | | | | |
| Shawnee Hills | X | X | X | | | | |
| Shoal Creek | X | X | X | | | | |
| South Suburban | X | X | X | | | | |
| Southern Illinois 27 | X | X | X | | | | |
| St Clair | X | X | | | | | |
| Starved Rock | X | X | X | | | | |
| State Line Riders | - | X | | | | | |
| Ten Mile Creek | X | X | X | | | | |
| Thunder Rock | X | X | X | | | | |
| Tri-County | X | X | X | | | | |
| Twin Rivers | X | X | X | | | | |
| Union Jack | X | X | | | | | |
| Will County | X | | X | | | | |
| Windy City | - | X | | | | | |





Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters.

What a June and what a State Party! There was great music from Breaking Storm, Tafoya, Ten96, and the Eliminator Band, the adult contests, the bags tournament, chapter challenges, karaoke, wet t-shirt contest, golf cart games, and so much more. What a blast! I want to give a big shout out to Activities Coordinator Sharilyn Kibler-Russel, State Coordinator Mouse, Secretary Teri Smith, Newsletter Coordinator Sonya Link, and Office Manager Pauli Ward on all their incredibly hard work that went into a phenomenal weekend!! Thank you to sponsors Freeport ABATE, Prairieland ABATE, Twin Rivers ABATE, Heart of Illinois ABATE, Starved Rock ABATE, Ten Mile Creek ABATE, Toga Talent Agency, Friends in High Places, Hupy & Abraham, Law Tigers, Andrae's Harley-Davidson, ABATE Legal, and the Hillard Agency for all their great support!

Have you gotten your ABATE of Illinois Yard Signs and Chapter Swag yet? They have been available at the EBOD/BOD meetings. Please contact me at PR@abate-il.org or Teri Smith at secretary@abate-il.org so we can get yours to you at the next meeting. Be sure to get the yard signs out in the public where motorists can see them! With over 35 motorcyclist fatalities already in 2023, it's more important than ever to get the word out!

I am working on a separate project, and I need help from all chapters. I would like each chapter to send me a CLEAR and CURRENT jpg of their chapter's logo. These are used for advertising and it's a pain to try and find them and not be able to find a good one to use. Please e-mail them to PR@abate-il.org. I will be starting a folder of all current logos.

If you are a motorcycle racing fan and you're heading to the Springfield Mile or Peoria TT races, be sure to check out the programs for the events. ABATE of Illinois advertisements will be in them. We're always looking for more ways to get our name and message out there, and this is another one of those ways.

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/BOD Meetings on August 19th
MRF Meeting of the Minds on September 21st – 24th

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,

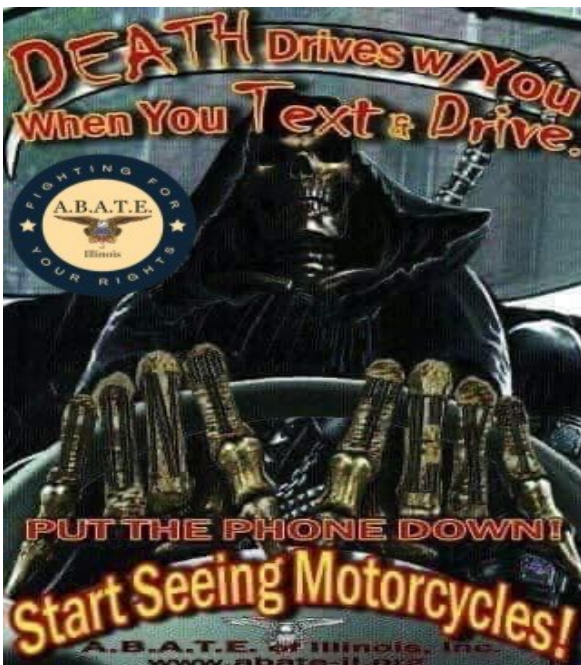
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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

A meeting of the chapters in the Northeast Region took place on Sunday June 4th at the River Grove Moose Lodge. With the spring legislative session just ended, members were told of the four bills affecting motorcyclists heading to the governor's desk for signature (SB 896 red under glow lighting when braking, HB 2582 duplicate testing 18 years old and under, HB 2231 legal protections for Uber and HB 2431 video conferencing).

Additionally, Josh made us aware that State Rep. Margaret Croke (Chicago) is making another attempt to have noise monitoring devices installed on Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. With the push for increased E-15 availability we need to work with classic car clubs to push back against E-15 being sold thru blender pumps in Illinois. We're happy to hear Senators Harmon, Castro and McLaughlin are working on a solution for motorcycle safety classes to re-start for 2024-2026 in the northern third of the state.

Members were reminded of the June BOD vote for products coordinator and the availability of yard signs and swag.

Establishments in our region not allowing colors:

- Broken Oar, Port Barrington
- Otto's Tavern, Lombard
- Walnuts Speakeasy, Elgin

Upcoming NE Region events:
Chicago- Spring Fling, 6/24
DuKane- Bikini Bike Wash, 7/15

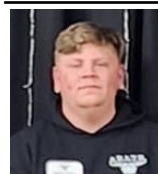
The next NE Region Meeting: September 24, 12 PM, The Lucky Monk, South Barrington

ABATE OF ILLINOIS
NORTHEAST REGION MEETING
THE LUCKY MONK BREWERY
105 HOLLYWOOD BLVD
BARRINGTON, IL 60010

HOSTED BY: SEP 24, 2023
NORTHERN ILLINOIS 12:00PM

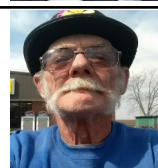
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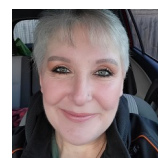
NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: ROBERT RUDDELL

No article submitted.



EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: WILLIAM "HOWDY" MILLS

No Article Submitted



WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: APRIL JONES

No article submitted.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

The James "Legs" Korte Memorial Marble started February 1st, 2023 and will end on September 20, 2023 with a party at the Nashville American Legion. Come enjoy the Southwest part of the state for a great ride.

Piasa-Gateway Chapter's annual poker run is July 29th with sign up at The corner Keg Pub in Highland.

Several other chapters have events planned for this summer so be sure to check out the ABATE of Illinois Southwest Region Facebook page for more information.



SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB STOUT

No Article Submitted



WHEN THE POLICE MAKE A HUGE MISTAKE AS TO THE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR TRIKE

You worked hard to save your shekels to buy the trike of your dreams. The one with the Lehman mod in the perfect color. Your check just cleared, the insurance company gave you the pass to ride and you completed a trike familiarity course. Then along comes the sheriff of your home county announcing that your beautiful new trike is stolen. He implies that you may be involved and could be in big trouble, and that you may need a lawyer. He reminds you that a thief cannot have a better title than he has. So the dealership where you bought the trike cannot legalize a title. And so it looks like you are screwed despite papers indicating ownership in your name from the dealership. Nevertheless, the sheriff announces that he will take possession of YOUR TRIKE until he sorts out the ownership issue explaining that it seems that the serial number is “off”, whatever that means. You watch the sheriff’s chosen wrecker load up your trike and drive off with the promise he is looking into it and will take good care of your prized possession.

Time goes by, you explore your legal options, you consult with your lawyer, you are thinking that you have been fooled and your hard money is down the drain.

Then out of nowhere, the bad guy wrecker backs into your drive and explains there was a big mistake. The sheriff got his numbers wrong. Your title was correct all along. After a sigh of relief, anger sets in especially when you observe the healthy gash in the front fender caused in the moving process. You want to hit somebody, anybody responsible for a mistake that should have never occurred. You speak with your lawyer as to what remedies you have against the wrongdoer. Damages? Repairs to your trike? Loss of use? Slander damages to your title? Apology letter from the sheriff? We will discuss your rights in a future article.

PROVING THE VALUE OF YOUR CUSTOM BIKE TO THE INSURANCE GUYS

Q. I have a bike that I bought stock five years ago and have made a number of improvements to it including a lot of chrome, custom paint, and other customized equipment. My bike was stolen last month, and the insurance company only wants to offer me book value for the bike. By my estimation, it’s worth about twice the book value of a stock bike. Is there any way I can convince the insurance company to re-evaluate their offer?

A. There may be a way to do that, but it depends on how good your records are. Most insurance policies cover customi-

zation and items added to bikes, but the insurance company has to be assured that the customizations that you claim you added were actually added to the bike and became a part of the bike. There are a number of ways to do that. The best way is to document all the customizations done to the bike. This means keeping meticulous records of the modifications done to the bike, who did them, when they were done, how much they cost, and what effect those customizations had on the value of the bike. Oftentimes that requires hiring the services of an appraiser to evaluate the bike with and without the modifications. And take lots of photos and send them to your insurance representative – before your bike gets stolen, of course.

Let’s assume you did a custom job with three distinct components: First, you did some body work – you put on a new fork, new handlebars, and new wheels. You did that during the course of one season and didn’t plan on doing any more work that season. It would be a good idea once that work was completed, to take pictures of the bike, put those together with all the receipts from the work done to the bike and send copies of that information to your insurance company. At that point you should get an appraisal for the bike. Often, appraisers work at a motorcycle shop or dealer. You especially want an appraisal if the value of the bike together with the additions is more than what you paid for the bike plus the value of the additions. For example, you bought the bike for \$5,000.00; you added \$5,000.00 worth of additions, but those additions and your sweat equity caused the bike to be worth \$15,000.00 rather than just the value of the bike plus the parts, which was \$10,000.00. An appraisal will prove to the insurance company that the bike is worth more than the sum of its parts.

Now let’s assume it’s the next season, and you have added a lot of chrome to the bike. Again, you should take pictures of the bike, keep copies of the receipts, describe the work done, and submit that info to the insurance company for their files. Suppose later on you decided to complete the customization and get a special paint job on it. Once that work is finished, you need an appraisal of the value of the bike to show the insurance company what it’s worth with all the customizations. With those documents, you will be in a good position to prove the value of the bike to the insurance company should you need to make a claim.

Remember, some insurance companies offer special coverage for customizations or for bikes with historic or antique value. If your bike has value for collectors beyond the book value for a stock bike, check with your insurance agent about modifying your insurance to make sure your investment is covered. Some insurance companies offer coverage for a specific supported value. This might be your best way to go. Never forget that with insurance companies, if it is not in writing it doesn’t count. Get email addresses of your insurance company reps and make book on them, because they are making book on you. Meaning, you should confirm every conversation and send them every doc and photo you have. If that doesn’t work, call us.

MARVELS OF MARVEL MYSTERY OIL - A SECRET MUST FOR MOTORCYCLE WINTER STORAGE AND IF YOU HAVE A SHOVEL - YEAR ROUND

When it was so cold out you knew there would be no riding for a few weeks, you should have stopped by an auto parts store or a Walmart and got a quart can of Marvel Mystery Oil. Marvelites would pour almost the whole can in the gas tank (save about 4-6 tablespoons for later), and then fill the tank up completely with fuel. The Marvel Mystery Oil acts as an upper cylinder lubricant. *(This stuff has been around since the 30s, and I still don't know how it works. I don't think anyone does. Air cooled airplane engines love the stuff. And we all know that the airplane guys got the idea to use Marvel Mystery Oil in aircraft engines from us motorcycle guys. If you want to unstick some valves or lubricate sticking valves, this stuff works like magic. Paul Romine, the guy who remanufactured Ford engines for Ford in the Midwest and a NHRA Champion, swears by the stuff, and that's enough for me. -Rod)*

Remember that 4-6 tablespoons of Marvel Mystery Oil we held in reserve? Now comes the time to use it. Pull the spark plugs out of the engine, pour a tablespoon of Marvel Mystery Oil in each cylinder, and turn the engine over by hand several revolutions in order to spread the Marvel Mystery Oil around the cylinder walls. Reinstall the spark plugs. Simple steps like these will keep your bike ready for this spring and many more to come! Especially a shovel.

BREAKING UP WITH YOUR LADY OR GENTLEMAN - AND WITH YOUR LANDLORD, TOO

Q: I'm an ABATE member. My ex and I had been living together. We signed a lease together on an apartment. I moved out this week, called my landlord and told him I am no longer a tenant. What do I need to do to make sure nothing comes back on me? My ex will stay in the apartment and supposedly will pay the rent. Thanks for your help. ABATE OF INDIANA MEMBER

A: I understand that you signed the lease as did your ex. That means you have promised to do what the lease says. Unless the lease lets you off the hook when you move out, you are bound by the terms. If your ex fails to pay the rent, you are responsible. If your ex damages the apartment, you are responsible. You could ask the landlord to take you off the lease, but why would he do that?. The worst thing he can say is no. If he says yes, get that in writing. If he says no, make sure he has your address and agrees to notify you of any violations of the lease by your ex and that he gives you reasonable notice to cure any breach of the lease caused by your ex. If the landlord will not let you off the lease, by all means be on your guard when your ex moves out. There could be issues regarding damage above normal wear and tear. You could be jointly on the hook for that with your ex. Of course, you may have rights against your ex for that cost.

COPS OWNING THE ROAD?

Q: A friend of mine at work was going north on Route 57 from Kankakee, IL. Right before the Manteno exit, a State

trooper had someone pulled over. My friend didn't change lanes when approaching the trooper as it was not safe. All of a sudden, the trooper pulled out in front of him and was cited for violating "Scott's Law." What is this law, and is there any defense? A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Member (Also remember an earlier article about a similar situation involving David Hendy, long time ABATE of Illinois member.)

A: The law definitely exists, and can be found for Illinois at 625 ILCS 5/11-907. Other states have similar provisions (Indiana at IC 9-21-8-35 and Ohio at ORC 4511.213). The Illinois statute requires that:

(c) Upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, when the authorized emergency vehicle is giving a signal by displaying alternately flashing red, red and white, blue, or red and blue lights or amber or yellow warning lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall:

1. proceeding with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, if possible, with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least 4 lanes with not less than 2 lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle; or

proceeding with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.

(d) A person who violates subsection (c) of this Section commits a business offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$10,000. (emphasis added)

The statute is less than clear as to when a motorist is required to move over. It is clear that the statute requires that a motorist either change lanes or slow down. It's still up to the officer to decide if the motorist exercised "due caution," but the police officer is only one-half of the story. The charged person may have believed that a lane change was unsafe. A judge or jury would be the final word.

Ride Safe.

Rod Taylor

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1st PRIZE



2nd PRIZE



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SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023*
AT THE SPRINGFIELD MILE RACE**

WINNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAXES AND FEES

-NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN-

GRAND PRIZE PURCHASED AT

WOODSTOCK HARLEY-DAVIDSON (WOODSTOCK, IL)

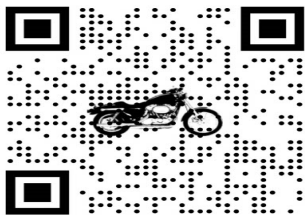
2ND PRIZE PURCHASED AT NIEHAUS CYCLE SALES, LITCHFIELD, IL.

3RD PRIZE DONATED BY SHAWNEE HILLS ABATE CHAPTER

***if race is a rainout, the drawing will be held September 4th, 2023**

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4th Prize - \$400 • 5th Prize - \$300 • 6th Prize - \$200 • 7th Prize - \$100
8th Prize - 5 Year ABATE Membership
To be given away September 3, 2023 at the Springfield Mile Race if race is a
rainout the drawing will be held September 4, 2023
Grand Prize purchased at
Woodstock Harley Davidson, Woodstock, IL
2nd Prize purchased at Niehaus Cycle Sales, Litchfield, IL
3rd Prize donated by Shawnee Hills ABATE Chapter
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Howard Nation Jr.
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| July 1-2 | Stockton | Corner Tap | ABATE Awareness |
| July 4, | Stockton | Memorial Park | July 4 th Celebration |
| July 7-9 | Freeport | Downtown | Tutty Baker |
| July 16 | Plano | American Legion | Car Show |
| July 20-22 | Freeport | Big O's on the Hallow | ABATE Awareness |
| July 25-28 | Freeport | Fair Grounds | Stephenson County Fair |
| July 29 | Sandwich | Downtown | Car Show |
| July 30 | Sycamore | Downtown | Car Show |
| Aug 4-5 | Forreston | City Park | Sauerkraut Day |
| August 6-11 | Belvidere | Fairgrounds | Boone County Fair |
| August 12-13, | Mendota | Downtown | Sweetcorn Festival |
| August 16-20 | Fairbury | Fairgrounds | Fairbury Fair |
| August 25-27 | Tonica | Downtown | Jeep Jam & Car Show |
| Sept 1-3 | Springfield | State Fairgrounds | Springfield Mile |

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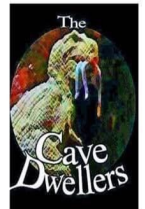
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THIS IS AN ALL DAY HAPPENING! WE MEET AT
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GREAT COFFEE IS ACROSS THE STREET AT THE CORNER
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WATERS and scooters run

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Registration Begins at 11am
Kickstands Up at 12:30pm
\$10 per person

NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport
Chapter

Happy 4th of July.

I hope everyone has a great weekend of riding planned, and the weather cooperates.

Our Chapter still has a lot of events planned for the rest of the summer, starting with our Officer's meeting on July 12th at Big O's at 6pm. Our Chapter meeting is on July 16th at Riviera Park, 4513 S. Crane's Grove Rd. at 12:30pm. Karen and Beth have started up the bake sale so bring a few extra bucks for some great treats. BYOB and snacks. Our annual "Bark at the Moon" run is on July 22nd. We moved the starting time up an hour to 4pm sign up at Logan's. Also on July 22nd is Union Dairy's bike night 5-8pm. July 25th – July 29th is the Stephenson County Fair. Cleaver will be selling bike raffle tickets for 5 days, so stop by and give him a break. July 29 is the Northwest Convergence Run. There is a traveling trophy for the Chapter with the most members on the run. Watch our Facebook page for starting time and place. We also have some Burger Runs planned for July and August, again watch the Facebook page or your July/August Soft-Tale for dates and locations. On August 5th the 9th Annual DAV ride starts in Davis at The Real Mc Coys. Sign up is at 9:30am. This is not an ABATE event, but it is one we support. There is a Bike Blessing, vendors, food, a band from 6pm to 11:30pm, and a Big raffle drawing. Freeport is holding its annual Cruise Night

on August 12th. Neal will be setting up on Stephenson St. around 1pm. Cleaver will be selling State Bike raffle tickets. They can always use an extra hand. We still have a few Mann-iac books left, and plenty of time to do all the stops. One of the stops is the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa Iowa. The Museum is closing for good right after Labor Day so Our Chapter has set up a group ride to the Museum on August 19th. You don't need a book to go on the ride, and there is no cost, just come and enjoy yourself. We have invited Thunder Rock to join us. The Crooked Roof in Lanark is one of our advertisers in our Soft-Tale. They have a bike night every Thursday night with live music and drink specials.

Cleaver has a lot of dates set up for selling State Bike Raffle tickets. He will be in Stockton over the 4th of July. He can always use a hand for an hour or two. Our Chapter came in 2nd last year for most tickets sold by only a couple hundred dollars. Cleaver is on a mission to beat Starved Rock this year. If you would like to buy a ticket, or if you would like a couple books to sell get ahold of Cleaver, or come to a meeting.

Rebecca Snider



Open
Roads
Chapter

OPEN ROADS ABATE

The name of the game is "Just Ride and Be Safe". Lots of bikes out there, lots of events, and lots of warm sunshine. Motorcycle Awareness Month is behind us but actually every day of every month should be Motorcycle Awareness. Even though it takes an extra second or two, always check twice and demonstrate safety on the roadways.

Membership - Congrats to our members renewing their dues and to new members Dave Curran, Mike & Julie Wade. 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 \$400) created by our Legal Team.

Our **secretary and BOD alternate Patti Smith** does an excellent job being secretary with minutes presented at all meetings, updating the membership of current policies and what's happening in ABATE of IL, Inc., always has input for new ideas, and keeps the president in line at meetings. Our **activities coordinator Kevin Smith** always has various activities for the members to enjoy throughout the year. Activities have included windshield washing, coordinating train fun runs, axe throwing, bike riding, pool tournaments, chili contests, and more. Thanks Patti and Kevin for keeping our members energetic and active.

Summer Book 2023 – we have 4 books left out of 480 books that got printed. WOW! If you want a book, please call me on

630-552-3828 or some of our stops have books and are listed on the Open Roads ABATE Facebook page. If you have a book, how many stamps do you have? You have 3 months to visit these places and get into the cash drawing on October 7. Reminder - One of the bonus stops – Farm Friends – has specific dates and times (11 am to 3 pm) to get your stamp – July 9, and August 13. Also Turn Back Time Car Show in Sycamore is July 30 and we will stamp your book from 10 am until 3 pm. Many thanks to everyone who bought our books.

Summer Book Ride, June 4 – 22 of Open Roads and 2 DuKane ABATE members met at Exquisite Skillet in Plano for breakfast and rode to Freeport, Lanark, Elizabeth, and Savanna for a day of riding, enjoying the scenery, riding with friends, and getting several stamps in our Summer Book. Thank you, Diana, for a wonderful and fun day.

Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run – met at Silver Dollar in Yorkville on Saturday, June 17, and rode to Grundy County Fairgrounds in Morris to line up in parade to the Middle East Conflict Memorial Wall in Marseilles. A ceremony took place at the Wall. Details in next newsletter.

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. State Party – met at Star 34 in Sandwich for breakfast in Sandwich and rode to County Fairgrounds near Petersburg, IL. A great time, seeing old friends, making new friends, sharing ideas. Details in next newsletter.

Dinner Ride to Lee's Place in Sandwich on June 28. Details in next newsletter.

Parked cars for City of Plano and Plano Police Department fireworks event on June 30 at Plano High School. Details in next newsletter.

Vietnam Moving Wall – Members from Open Roads assisted the motorcycle escort of the Vietnam Moving Wall on June 30. They are hoping for a thousand bikes at this event. Staging area was at Laraway Lanes in New Lenox to escort the Wall to Wabash Parking Lot, North and Wabash Streets in Manhattan. Details in next newsletter.

New Banners – Our Products Coordinator Sharyl Mataya has designed two new banners for Open Roads to display. One is a blue banner to “Start Seeing Motorcycles” and the other is a colorful banner saying “No Conversation is Worth a Life! Please! Put down the Phone!” They are for sale for \$40 each.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dinner Ride to Honest Abe’s in Morris on July 19. Meet at Plano Legion with KSU at 6 pm and ride to Honest Abe’s.

Summer Book Ride, July 15 - ride to East Moline, Hampton, Geneseo, Arlington, and Mendota. Meet at 8 am at Dearborn’s Café in Sandwich with KSU at 9 am. We welcome YOU to join us.

July Car Shows – July is a very busy month for us as we set up our promotion booth at 6 car shows in our area. The schedule of car shows is: **July 1** in downtown Sandwich (set up around 7:30 am); **July 4** in Sheridan (near The Elevator with set up around 7:30-8 am); **July 9** at Last Chance Saloon in Millington (set up around 7-7:30 am); **July 16** at Plano Legion (set up around 7:30-8 am); **July 29** at Sandwich Fairground for Show Down Event (set up to be announced); **July 30** at Turn Back Time in Sycamore (set up around 6-6:30 am). YES... we need YOUR help.

Next Meeting – Our August meeting will be on Saturday, August 26, at Patti & Kevin Smith’s home (time tba).

Upcoming events include escorting Vietnam Wall in Utica, Progressive Dinner, Chapter Calendar, Feed My Starving Children, Business After Hours, and more. Come to a meeting, 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



Our first group ride was to The Bunker in Waterford, WI. Pictured are some of the members who went – Kevin Smith, Kurt Gembeck, Patti Smith, Diana Rebeckini, Sally & Bill Kolb, Mitch Busch, Cliff Oleson.

June 4 was a fantastic day for a ride and we had 22 people join us to go to Savanna, Lanark, Freeport, and Elizabeth. Members include Sally & Bill Kolb, Sam & Sharyl Mataya, Bruce Littlebrant, Bob & Cherie Mauer, Tracey Supan, Kurt Gembeck, Mitch Busch, Beth Fannin, John Niles, Henry Herbst, Casey & Sarah Jones, Dan Kazmer, Frank Lorang, Jimmy & Mark from DuKane ABATE, Diana Rebeckini, Dave Curran, and Cliff Oleson.



“Start Seeing Motorcycles” banner



“Put Down the Phone!” banner



Pictures: We washed about 125 windshields on May 20 at Plano BP as our motorcycle Awareness project. Pictured are Mike Sundblom and Brian Smith who washed several windshields.





**Starved
Rock
Chapter**

*****2023 meetings begin at 12:30*****

Starved Rock Chapter would like to welcome new members: Melissa and Angelo Hernandez from LaSalle, and Grant Parker from Minooka.

PR Officer Sherry Dober would like to thank the following for Proclaiming May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month": Dalzell, Dana, DePue, Hennepin, Ladd, Leonore, Magnolia, Naplate, Ransom, Sheridan, Troy Grove, Utica, Earlville, Leland, Marseilles, Mendota, Oglesby, Ottawa, Peru, Rutland, Seneca, Spring Valley, Streator, Wenona, LaSalle County, and Putnam County Thank your cities, towns, villages and counties! Thanks to everyone who helped get the proclamations out there!

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

On Sunday June 4th we had our Membership Run which began at Blue Collar Bikes in Spring Valley. A SPECIAL thanks to Mick and Tina Pienta for providing the place to begin the run as well as breakfast pizzas and water! We had 48 people sign up for the run which included 3 new members! Thanks to Marci Hebert for setting up the run. Thanks to Cathy Green for running the raffles! Thanks to Don and Laurie Jackson for drawing the tickets for prizes. Connie Mann won the membership drawing and donated \$20.00 to the chapter! Thanks Connie. Thanks to the stops: Skoonerz in Princeton (Keith opened just for the run!), Troy's in Arlington, Fireside Tap in Naplate (Kathy opened just for the run as well!), and Dave's Lost Ant in Lostant! The run ended at Spratt's Tap in Hennepin! They had a great place for us to end the run! They provided water as well as the meal that was included with the entry fee! They were very accommodating! It was a great day to ride and Dan Kleckner and Shane Bice planned a nice ride with great roads! Thanks Dan and Shane! Thanks to all the business and members who donated prizes for the run!

On Sunday June 11th we had a meeting at Smitty's Tap in Leonore. We met under the pavilion. We had 31 members and 4 guests present. Door prizes were won by members Laurie Jackson and Nora Kleckner. The guest winning a door prize was Jessica M. Nicki Barto won the membership drawing and donated \$25.00 to the chapter! Thanks Nicki! Larry Duffell won the T-shirt raffle and Bob Ganze won the MRF membership! Thanks to Karen and Kevin Bramel for paying for the vendor permit at the Marseilles Freedom Run!

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

Saturday June 17th Membership Booth and State Bike Raffle Tickets at the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run Marseilles. The event starts at the Grundy County fairgrounds in Morris and concludes at the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial in Marseilles. Donations from the event help with the cost of adding the names of our Fallen Heroes on the Memorial Wall as well as assist veterans along with families. Visit the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run Facebook page to keep updated on the latest happenings or visit the website

@MIDDLEEASTCONFLICTSWALLMEMORIAL.ORG

NO MEETING IN JULY

NW REGION CONVERGENCE RUN Saturday July 29th. Tentatively Meet at Mike's Brownstone at noon. Wheels roll at 1PM. \$10.00 per person. We will have two stops on the way to the VFW in Dixon. Last Bike in at 5PM.

Meeting Sunday Aug 6th at the Kangley Inn in Kangley. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open. Kangley Inn is owned by Starved Rock Chapter Members Sally and Gary Boyd! They are always extremely appreciative of our group meeting there!

Saturday and Sunday August 12th&13th Membership Booth and State Bike Raffle Tickets at the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival!

Meeting Sunday September 10th at Claudette's at 253 E Walnut St in Oglesby. The meeting will begin at 12:30. Food will be available for \$12.00 per person for the meal. The bar will be open to purchase drinks.

Sunday October 1st The Tri-County Toy Run-Starts at Blue Collar Bikes in Spring Valley and ends at Spring Valley Boat Club. Entry fee: 1 new unwrapped toy or \$10.00 per person. All vehicles welcome. There will be a live band! Food, Fun, and Games??

Saturday October 7th The Firemen's Car Show in Utica. We will have a Membership Booth and State Bike Raffle Tickets for sale.

Sunday October 8th: Burgoo Festival in Utica. We will have a Membership Booth and State Bike Raffle Tickets for sale.

Meeting Sunday October 15th at Softails in Ladd. The meeting will begin at 12:30 There will be a chicken buffet for \$9.00/ person. Noreen Griffin is a Starved Rock Chapter member and supporter! This will be the first round of nominations for 2024 Officers.

Meeting Sunday November 12th at the Kangley Inn in Kangley. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open. Kangley Inn is owned by Starved Rock Chapter Members Sally and Gary Boyd! This will be the second round of nominations for officers for 2024.

Meeting Sunday December 3rd At Jamie's Outpost in Utica. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open. Jamie's is owned by Starved Rock ABATE members Jamie and Tracy Mix. The election of officers will be held at this meeting.

For Starved Rock Chapter clothing and other items: Check out this site. <http://Allpointsprinting.company.site> 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 Tom Brown as well.

You may follow Starved Rock ABATE on Facebook!

Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Officer



**Thunder
Rock
Chapter**

June has come and gone, lots of events and rides are behind us, but more to come. Summer days are with us now, the warmer temperature the warm breeze, but most important, longer days, for more WIND THERAPY.

JUNE was a busy month for Thunder Rock, we had Leaf River days, where the Motorcycle and 4-wheeler was displayed to sell raffle tickets. It was a HOT weekend, but was a successful weekend, a SHOUT OUT to the members that helped sell tickets, to help A.B.A.T.E of Illinois. This was our Third year and hoping to do it next year and have even a better year.

Thunder Rock also had a new event this year, BINGO SKY DIVING... Thunder Rock sold only 100 tickets, 1 through 100, how it works a sky diver at **FLIGHT DECK BAR and GRILL, jump and the first square touch 1 through 100 won \$1,000. The winner goes to Crystal Frisk number 79.**



CONGRADULATIONS CRYSTAL AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR ABATE!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 15TH 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. Hope to see you all there, great event, help our young ones. More information please check our Facebook page.

Follow our Facebook for more upcoming events for Thunder Rock and other chapters. It may be July, but lots of events are

still ahead for this riding season.

The officer meeting will be July 6th at THE RACK ON 72 in Stillman Valley at 6:30 in the basement. Anyone is welcome to join the meeting.

Reminder our Chapter meetings are the first Sunday of the month at 11:15, please check our Facebook page for place and join us with the warmer weather we are having it at Weld Memorial Park, outside of Stillman Valley. As a reminder at each meeting there is a drawing for one year renewal membership, however you must be present to win. June's name was Jack Beck, unfortunately he was not there, and his name was put back into the drawing.

LITTLE TRIVIA

Did you know the first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato soup can for a carburetor. Have they ever come a long way.



PLEASE Watch Thunder Rock FACE BOOK and website site for any changes or coming events.

Until next time, STAY SAFE, KEEP RUBBER SIDE DOWN AND SHINY SIDE UP.

Thunder Rock Chapter

Cindy Weil



**Kishwaukee
Valley
Chapter**

Kishwaukee Valley is setting up some events as follows:

- June 14-Bike Nite at Kegels from 5:30 pm-8:30 pm
- July 1-Road Clean up
- July 29- Convergence Ride for Northwest Region
- Aug 5- Hooter Scooter Ride

- Aug 8-13-Boone Co Fair
 - Aug 20- Road Clean up
 - Sept 8-10-Booth at Roscoe Fall Fest
- As events are added we get a notification out there.
Everybody stay safe out there.
KVA Pres: Liz Lawson

NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



**Will
County
Chapter**

Thanks to everyone who attended our June meeting and a big welcome to our new members! The 2023 Book Run

event is well underway, so get out there and get those stamps! There are a TON of great events coming up to get out on those bikes, share in the fellowship and joy of riding, and spread the word on all that A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois does to support motorcyclist rights and spread awareness and education on motorcycle safety, so get out there and join in on the fun! The Will County Chapter Hooters and Scooters Run will take place on Saturday August 26th, we looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events
July 12th, August 9th, & September 13th @ 7:30pm- monthly meeting, Stone City V.F.W Post 2199.

August 26th – Hooters & Scooters Run, meet at Moose Lodge: 32050 W River Rd Wilmington, IL, registration begins at 11am and KSU at 12:30pm. \$10 per person.
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!

PLEASE SEE THE Hooters & Scooters Run EVENT FLYER ON PAGE 14

Amanda MacLean-Kelley



Northern Illinois Chapter

Northern held its latest chapter meeting on Saturday May 27.

Many members were traveling for the holiday. Meeting minutes for April and the Treasurer's Report for May were approved. No decision was made on the purchase of an EZ Up. We will need to borrow an ES Up for the upcoming Walneck's Swap Meet on June 25th. The conclusion of Illinois' spring legislative session was discussed with four bills affecting motorcyclists heading to the governor's desk for signature.

The Sweets and Treats Fun Run was started for 2023-24. Cards can be purchased for \$10 from Donna. Locations are throughout Lake and McHenry Counties and Southern Wisconsin.

One proclamation was obtained by John R. for Motorcycle Awareness Month from McHenry County.

Members were encouraged to participate in two events honoring those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom, the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle parade from Lovell Medical Center to Cantigny and an escort ride for Navy recruits to participate in the Wauconda parade. Members were also made aware of the next Kenosha ABATE chapter meeting 6/7/and South Suburban's Topless Tour 6/10.

After the meeting members rode over to Antioch where photos were taken at a few of the locations on the Sweets and

Treats card and then enjoyed ice cream at the local Dairy Queen.

Our next meetings to be held at Doyle's Pub:

Saturday July 22, 11 AM

Saturday August 26, 11 AM

Rich Gruner

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



South Suburban Chapter

Happy Motorcycling South Suburban Members

The TOPLESS TOUR RUN on Saturday June 10, 2023, was a great time - a fabulous time was had by all!

The event featured the Block Party Band and wow were they ever entertaining - so many rocking good tunes played for what seemed like hours!

The American Legion Post #1977 in New Lenox was a wonderful host site, and the accommodations were outstanding. We especially want to thank our fellow chapter member and Post Officer Joe "Ratman" Kabella and the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of Legion, and Legion Riders for their support of our event.

We would be amiss not acknowledging the many sponsors/contributors that donated to the TOPLESS TOUR RUN. They are:

- Law Tigers, Chicago
- Ramon's Shoe Repair and Motorcycle Leatherworks, Mokena
- F&T FXR Owners Group, Chicago
- Ridgewood Motorcycle Association, Frankfort
- Cripple Club, Willow Springs
- CC's Grove, Willow Springs
- B.A.T.S.
- Players Guitars, Worth
- Bike Max LLC, Palos Hills
- Southside Cycles, Bridgeview
- Phantom Harley Davidson, Manteno
- Ryan's Pub, Frankfort
- A-Bar Iron, Oak Forest
- Cars Automotive, Oak Forest
- Kaz Art & Design, West Chicago

Many raffle baskets and 50/50 cash prize winners too!

A good number of our ABATE members are veterans as well as motorcyclist enthusiasts. Come out and show your allegiance to ABATE and to Veteran Associations such as American Legion Posts, especially the ones located in New Lenox and Chicago Ridge. These posts have been very generous with their accommodation and their support to A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS.

Chapter Membership meeting is on...

Thursday, July 20, at 7:00p.m. SHARP

South Suburban A.B.A.T.E.
American Legion Post #1160
10739 S Ridgeland Avenue
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415



Freedom of choice,
Daisy Pérez
Chapter President
Membership Coordinator





Hello from DuKane ABATE!

June has come and gone, and we got a lot of wind therapy out on the open road! We hope all of the dad's out there had a great Father's Day. Now July is here presenting us with another month of beautiful riding weather and the opportunity to celebrate our independence as a great country. Be sure to fly those American Flags high on Independence Day!

July is going to be a busy month for the DuKane chapter with 2 great events coming up. First, on July 15th it's the DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash at Knuckleheads Tavern in Elburn, IL. From 11am – 3pm, it's only \$10 per motorcycle to get it washed by the DuKane Santa Girls. Law Tigers is once again supporting this event and Knuckleheads will have lunch and drinks available as well. Knuckleheads has always been a great supporter of ABATE and this event is always filled with great motorcyclist camaraderie, so spread the word and invite all your riding friends. It's going to be a great time! Then, on July 22nd it's the 8th Annual Project Seth #Sethtastic Motorcycle Run. Project Seth is a non-profit organization that brings awareness to suicide in teens and young adults and the money raised from this event goes towards bringing awareness to and ultimately ending this tragedy. The ride leaves Fox River Harley-Davidson in St. Charles, IL and goes on a 75+ mile fully escorted and blocked ride (Thank you Sheriff Ron Hain and the Kane County Sheriff's Department) through Kane County ending at Schmidt's Towne Tap in Elburn, IL. iPop will be playing at the after party at Schmidt's, so you know this is bound to be a phenomenal time. There are a lot of sponsors of this ride like Valley Fire Protection, Teamsters, DuKane ABATE, and others. Get both events on your calendar and join us for some great motorcyclist events!

We talked previously about Luis Aca-Osorio, the drunk driver who killed a motorcyclist in Batavia, IL. Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser has kept us closely updated on this situation and Aca-Osorio is still behind bars. However, the prob-

lems keep coming. On June 17th in Geneva, IL a 70-year-old man was riding his motorcycle and a 24-year-old veered into oncoming traffic in his Silverado and hit him head on. The motorcyclist was transported to Delnor Hospital but pronounced deceased by hospital staff. Situations like these reinforce the incredible need for motorcycle awareness in our communities. Lives continue to be lost as drivers pay less and less attention to the roads due to distractions. We need to make sure that we're getting out into our communities and making sure that motorists are putting down the cell phones and seeing motorcyclists!

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.

- DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash on July 15th
- 8th Annual Project Seth #Sethtastic Motorcycle Run on July 22nd
- Elburn American Legion Toy Run on July 23rd
- Elburn Days Parade on August 18th
- 37th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run on October 8th

Make sure to join us on July 18th 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.

Have a great Independence Day on July 4th. Be sure to get out and ride and celebrate the great independence we have as Americans in this great country!

Until next month,
Ride Safe – Ride Free
Chris Hansen
DuKane Chapter of ABATE of Illinois President
630-618-7551
chrishdguy@gmail.com

DUKANE ABATE BIKINI BIKE WASH

Knuckleheads Tavern ELBURN, IL

LAW TIGERS MOTORCYCLE LAWYERS

DUKANE ABATE SANTA GIRLS

DUKANE ABATE OF ILLINOIS

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

\$10 PER BIKE

<https://dukaneabateil.org/events/bikini/>

FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF MOTORCYCLISTS

JULY 22ND

all for youth suicide prevention

BIKES! JEEPERS!

8TH ANNUAL SETHTASTIC RIDE EST. 2016

NO ONE RIDES ALONE

More info. at www.projectseth.org

Fully Police Escorted Ride

Leaving from Fox River HD, St. Charles at 10:30 AM and Ending at Schmidt's Towne Tap, Elburn w/ music by ipop

You don't want to miss this ride!

EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty Chapter

Here we are in July, and we are in prime riding weather. Hopefully you have had a chance to get out and enjoy the sites and attractions that we are blessed with in abundance around central Illinois. How about a visit to one of the many events that your brothers in our other ABATE chapters hold? There is plenty of activities to take a part of in our immediate area.

As a segue to events, we have our world famous, not to be equaled Liberty chapter Backwoods Biker Bash coming up in August. How about make a weekend of it and come and hang out with your fellow ABATE members? The dates are August 25-27 and will be held outside of Sullivan at the 4H fairgrounds. The final details are being worked out at this time, so stay tuned for further details.

In other chapter news we had a good May, which as you may know was Motorcycle Awareness Month. Spearheaded by our Prez, Henry Magee, several of our local city's Mayors signed declarations that proclaimed the same. We had proclamations from Charleston, Mattoon and Toledo. It's great that

our local communities have recognized the importance of looking out for us as we ride this great state of ours.

In legislative news one of our supported bills has passed the house and senate- HB2231, and is headed to our Governors desk for his signature. This bill will hold ride share companies liable for any accidents caused by their employees. At present the Uber and Lyft companies claimed they had nothing to do with the damage the people working for them cause. ABATE supported this bill after several accidents between such drivers and motorcycles.

Events-July 4th parade- details to be announced, watch facebook for details

July 9th Monthly meeting at the Mattoon Moose- 1:30

"I **am only one**, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."- Edward Everett Hale

Joel Wannemacher



Eastern Illinois Chapter

EASTERN ILLINOIS ABATE 2023 MOTORCYCLE RODEO

July 22, 2023 Sign in noon to 1PM

MILLIES—LAKE OF THE WOODS BAR AND LIQUOR
204 S PRAIRIE VIEW RD, MAHOMET IL

\$5 entry per bike

BIKES MUST BE STREET LEGAL

Food available for purchase



FOR MORE INFO CALL STEVE "SQUIRREL" NORMAN 217-202-0699
OR ALAN ZEHR 217-643-7374

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Events

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1 UP, BIKE OR TRIKE

SLOW RIDE

1 UP, BIKE ONLY

WEENIE BITE

2 UP, BIKE ONLY

POLO

2 UP, BIKE ONLY

ROUND & ROUND

1 UP, BIKE ONLY

GOLF BALL ON CONE

1 UP, BIKE ONLY

BOOT RACE

1 UP, BIKE OR TRIKE

LADDER BALL

2 UP, BIKE OR TRIKE

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AND



PRESENTS

THE ANNUAL

DMC BIKE SHOW

SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2023



**TROPHY AND \$200 CASH
PRIZE FOR EACH CLASS**

STOCK TOURING VINTAGE CUSTOM PARTICIPANTS CHOICE

**SIGN UP @ 11:00AM-1:00PM
JUDGING STARTS @ 2:00PM
AWARDS TO FOLLOW JUDGING
ENTRY FEE: \$20 FOR BIKES
SPECTATORS GET IN FREE
LOUD PIPES CONTEST: \$10
ENTRY (FREE WITH SHOW
REGISTRATION)**

**THIS YEAR WE'VE DECIDED TO HOLD
THE SHOW AT THE CLUBHOUSE**

**LOCATED AT
606 S COUNTRY FAIR DRIVE
CHAMPAIGN, IL
(NEXT DOOR TO PIPAS PUB)**

***LIVE MUSIC AND DJ * FOOD TRUCK * DRINKS AND GOOD TIMES ***

Worship

Ice Cream Social

Parade

Bike Show

Awards

Bike Games

FeebleKnievel & the Amazing JeffyG

CMA Illinois State Rally

Thunder Prairie

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2023



LeRoy, IL 7th-9th

Fri. 7:00pm
Sat. 2:30pm
Sat. 7:00pm

Fit for a King **Band**
Discount Rhythm Dukes **Band**
Citizens **Band**14



ALFANO MCKINNON MOTORCYCLE RUN

(In Conjunction With Alfano/McKinnon Celebration Of Life)

Saturday, July 29, 2023 Starting at Leo's Pizza

Sign up 10:30 - 12:00 Entry fee \$20.00

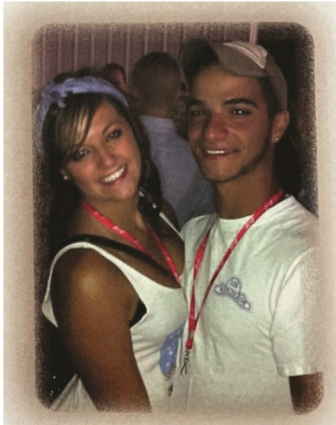
This fee will enter you into the giveaways at the Celebration of Life, held SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2023 at The Waters Edge Winery, Jacksonville, IL

(THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE GUN RAFFLE)

Finger foods available prior to leaving

Kick Stands will go up at Noon.

- 1st Big Daddy's Dog House, *Winchester* 2nd Tuckers Pub, *Eldred*
- 3rd Georges Local Brew, *Jerseyville* 4th 3rd Base Bar & Grill, *Greenfield*
- 5th Triangle Bar & Grill, *Woodson* Back to Leo's



Gun Raffle tickets will be available July 29, 2023

for drawing held on Aug. 26, 2023

Guns are a S&W M&P9 shield 9MM and a Walther PPS M29MM

\$500.00 cash if you do not want guns

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

GRAND PRIZE - Trip for 2 to Vegas

(includes round trip airfare & 3 nights in hotel) Must be present to win trip

Giveaways start at 8:30 pm

- 4 tickets to STL Cardinals - Golden Eagle IL \$400 Yeti Cooler - Whitetail Properties
- \$200 gift certificate - Leo's Pizza \$200 gift certificate - World Travel
- \$200 gift basket - GIRLe Boutique \$400 gift basket - A Hair Company
- \$400 gift basket - On the Clip Side \$400 gift basket - Inner Harmony
- \$200 Holiday Ctr Piece - All Occasion Flowers
- Gift Certificates from Mulligans, Proud Richards & Guses

FREE FOOD * MANY MORE PRIZES * FREE FOOD * MANY MORE PRIZES

Contact Bob (217)370-9766 on info for A.B.A.T.E. Motorcycle run.
All Proceeds will go to A.B.A.T.E. and local charities



STATELINE RIDERS

Well good afternoon State Line Riders I'm going to update you on some activities and meetings that will be coming up in July and August coming soon June 17th we have our annual Blake Kennett run this is to help all children and young adults to get the ADL vaccination that they need. On June 17th we will be meeting at the pump in Hoopston between 10:30 and noon will be sign up. Kickstands up at 12:00 noon we always have a great turnout for this we also will be having a meeting July 22nd at Kettles in Roberts Illinois at 1:00 if you know your memberships are due please see Amy the treasurer and renew your membership also in the end of July we will also be out at the Iroquois County Fair setting up a booth out there for our motorcycle safety and awareness so we look forward to seeing you out there at the Iroquois County Fair this year also coming up August 25th and 26th I'd like to remind everyone there will be no meeting we will be hanging out at the park in

Watseka for the Watseka family Festival both the 25th and 26th we always have a good time we share our stories and we talk about safety and Ed and Motorcycle Awareness we help the younger kids understand what it's all about we also have spin the wheel to win a shirt or toys and they always have a good time hearing the Bands. September 23rd we are going to meet at Porky Barn in Watseka Illinois at 10:00 a.m. to go on a ride don't know any destinations yet but feel free to show up and have a good time We are having our annual fill the saddlebags at the Bread Basket will be on October 7th 8:00 a.m. then we will be having a meeting at The Silo pub at 1:00 p.m. look forward to seeing a lot of people help donating with food and money for our food pantries we appreciate all of you thanks in advance everyone take care until next time

News coordinator
Lisa Ulitzsch



Embarras Valley Chapter

Greetings members,

Well as you know we're all gearing up for the annual state party several of our chapter members are going and we'll all be camping together with Liberty and Embarras Valley, there is chapter challenges this year so we plan on representing well.

We need to get more people at our meetings sometimes it's hard in the summer everybody has family plans and reunions and dinners but at least try to make it to one elections will be coming up in October and if you're interested in running we would love to have you or any position including president we have a strong team that has worked hard to keep our chapter alive and they've held positions for a long time and I'm sure they would like a break.

It's not about hurting feelings we all know that anyone can run. I would like everybody to help out at the fall bash Liberty does out on Jonathan Creek road with any needs they may have love to see your faces out there we always have a good time with the rodeo. Anyone who would like to ride over to board meetings with me every other month I would love to have you and you can see the inner works of debate and all the great things they do to keep us riding safe and free.

Meetings are the last Sunday of the month 1:00 as usual next meeting will be at Shaes pub n grub in Arcola

Have a fun summer
Tony



WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Central Illinois Chapter

Central Illinois Abate

We have our 1st Chip Trip to the 41st Annual Bash starting up Friday, July 7, 2023, from 7 pm to 9 pm at Twisted Sisters Jct 41 and 116 St. Augustine, Il. Every Friday in July and August at a different bar. The last Chip Trip is August 25 at Central Illinois 41 Annual Bash at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Knoxville, IL. If you would like more info on the Chip Trip please check out our

Facebook page. July 22 is our 38th Annual Nite Flite Ride sign up is 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm at Harley's Pub Galesburg, Il. Our chapter meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of the month BoD at 5 pm and General Membership at 6 pm at Harley's Pub Galesburg, Il.

Thanks, Jill Randall
Secretary



Lincoln Land Chapter

Welcome to riding season 2023, As I have attended several events so far this year, I want to address

something that has become an issue with me. I have attended only a couple of local bike nights, one thing seems to be an ongoing situation. For some reason everyone leaving these events need to show off by twisting the throttle to the limits to show off. My fear is to hear the stretching of tires followed by the sounds of twisting metal and plastic parts. Locally we have heard the roaring of the pipes followed by the sounds of sirens. Not only are we putting ourselves in danger, we are putting the public at risk as well. Unfortunately, a couple local situations have resulted in couple of fatalities. One crash is too many. We have lost some close friends and Brothers all too soon. Let's spread the word that ABATE is supposed to be about safety and education. Our actions are not reflecting what we are supposed to be preaching to the general public. Some other events I have attended are family oriented, yet we hear motorcyclists in the distance revving up to their limiters and can hear they are going dangerously fast in urban settings. I was literally embarrassed to be representing motorcyclists to the public when it happened. Here I am defending riders and what we are sup-

posed to be teaching and this is what we hear in the distance. I continued defending our stance on safe and responsible riding. After leaving this venue well into the darkness of night I witnessed even more stupidity. Riders on mini's and multiple forms of bikes riding up one of our busiest roads in town..... No lights front or back and riding block long wheelies, and you guessed it.....As fast as they could ride. It is up to us to pass the word along that these IDIOTS, and yes they ARE IDIOTS that they are not only wreaking havoc on our town streets, but yes, they are giving us a bad name and reputation. We need to continue to speak out against this type of riding on our urban roadways. If you have the desire to ride like this, we recommend you do it on a closed course where if you screw up, you're only screwing yourself up. We also need to police ourselves when it comes to Distracted, Drunk and Impaired riding. Promote Safe and Responsible riding!!! Your family depends on it.

Thank you,
Rudedog
217-622-9275

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



**St. Clair
County
Chapter**

Our regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, 7pm, June 8th at TR's Place in Belleville. We appreciate River Rat

selling the Half n Half tickets formerly known as a 50/50 but we can't call it that anymore. Michelle had the minutes from the May meeting, and we looked them over and accepted them. In the absence of our Treasurer Teresa her better half Alex gave the Treasurer's Report. We don't put our financial report in the newsletter, but we are doing well. Newsletter Report as you all should know by now; we only send out meeting reminders via post cards. Post card stamps and postcards together cost us right around a hundred bucks a month on average. I could not get an up-to-date legislative report as the newsletter wasn't posted to the website yet or in my mailbox and that is the way we get them now. So, in frustration I just gave an update on the bills that Ski had reported on in the May newsletter by going to Illinois.gov and looking up the bill numbers. Our Safety & Education position is run by Andy and Rich. Rich spoke about how they revamped the classroom presentations that the two of them do at the driver's education classes in the local high schools. They are very well received, and they have received

numerous compliments. The Activities Report was given by Alex. He reported that we are having a Gun Shoot, ie Meat Shoot and Gun Raffle in December, more to come on that as it gets closer. A motion was made and carried that we allot one thousand six hundred dollars for the purchase of the guns for the gun raffle. Various other activities were talked about that will be long over by the time this newsletter comes out. There was no old business or anything on the Region Report except the Marble Run Books. In New Business a motion was made to renew our sustaining membership {\$100.00} in the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in Washington DC, it carried unanimously. Liz won the above-mentioned drawing of forty bucks and Charles Parker's name was pulled for the Membership drawing. Mr Parker was not present so he did not win the \$105.00 so next month we will be drawing a member's name for \$110.00. The meeting lasted right at forty-five minutes. Our July meeting will be Thursday, July 13th at 7pm at the same place as all our meetings are held and that is TR's Place in Belleville, Illinois. Always on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Mike Gallagher

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| June | 22 - 25 | 2023 | Crooked Roof | Lanark | ILL. | Bike Night, & Old Settlers Days |
| July | 1, 2 | 2023 | Corner Tap | Stockton | ILL. | A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too! |
| July | 4th | 2023 | Memorial Park | Stockton | ILL. | Fireworks display & July 4th, Celebration |
| July | 9- 11 | 2023 | Tutty Baker Days Festival | Freeport | ILL. | A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too! |
| July | 20 - 22 | 2023 | Big "O's" on the Hollow | Lanark | ILL. | A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too! |
| July | 25 - 28 | 2023 | Stephenson County Fair | Freeport | ILL. | A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too! |
| Aug. | 12 | 2023 | Downtown | Freeport | ILL. | Cruise Night and the last push to sell tickets |
| Sept. | 9 - 10 | 2024 | Lena Lions Fall Festival | Lena | ILL. | A.B.A.T.E. Awareness & MRF too! The First Display of the new raffle for 2024 year! |

Tampering with Traffic Signs!

This is something that I shouldn't have to write about, but then again there just might be a few out there that don't know about this law that is already on the books!! We have a person or persons that see it fit to put our ABATE of Illinois bumper stickers on traffic control signs. This is against the law, and is defacing Local, State, and Federal Property. This has been ongoing for 14 years now. This year one person has been caught on Camera at different times and places. One of the cameras was the dash-cam of a Law Enforcement Vehicle. The others I'm told were from the Hospital, High School, and Doorbell Camera. A written warning has been issued with some guidelines to be followed and taken care of ASAP. After a deadline date, a \$750.00 per-sign will be issued to this person.

It is not possible to put this whole law into print in the state newsletter, it's over 16 pages long. Using 625 ILCS 5/11-208.6 to 5/11-301. Each Town, City, County can set its own rules on Tampering with Traffic Signs. One might be surprised what they will find if they look into this law or any other law on the books.

Illinois Compiled Statutes
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(625 ILCS 5/) Illinois Vehicle Code. 5/11-208.6 to 5/11-301
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(625 ILCS 5/Ch. 11 Art. III heading)

ARTICLE III. TRAFFIC SIGNS,
SIGNALS, AND MARKINGS

(625 ILCS 5/11-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-301)

Sec. 11-301. Department to adopt sign manual.

(a) The Department shall adopt a State manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic-control devices consistent with this Chapter for use upon highways within this State. Such manual shall include the adoption of the R 7-8 sign

adopted by the United States Department of Transportation to designate the reservation of parking facilities for a person with disabilities. Non-conforming signs in use prior to January 1, 1985 shall not constitute a violation during their useful lives, which shall not be extended by other means than normal maintenance. The manual shall also specify insofar as practicable the minimum warrants justifying the use of the various traffic control devices. Such uniform system shall correlate with and, where not inconsistent with Illinois highway conditions, conform to the system set forth in the most recent edition of the national manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

(b) Signs adopted by the Department to designate the reservation of parking facilities for a person with disabilities shall also exhibit, in a manner determined by the Department, the words "\$100 Fine".

(c) If the amount of a fine is changed, the Department shall change the design of the signs to indicate the current amount of the fine.

(Source: P.A. 88-685, eff. 1-24-95; 89-533, eff. 1-1-97.)

Tampering with Traffic Signs!

§ 130.72 TAMPERING WITH TRAFFIC SIGNS.

(A) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:

HIGHWAY. Any public street, alley, highway, or other public way open to the public for vehicular traffic.

PUBLIC BODY. The city, the county, the state, the United States Government, or any other body politic authorized to install traffic signs.

TRAFFIC SIGN. Any permanent or temporary written sign or light designed to direct traffic, aid traffic, or help any person find his way, installed by or at the direction of the city or any public body.

(B) Tampering with traffic signs prohibited. No person shall tamper with any traffic sign, highway direction sign, traffic light, or sign indicating the name of any street. As used in this section, the word tamper shall include the following:

- (1) Changing the wording of any sign.
- (2) Removing any sign.
- (3) Turning any sign so that it no longer faces the direction it was installed to face.
- (4) Covering any sign.
- (5) Defacing any sign.
- (6) Shooting at any sign.
- (7) Doing any act that will render a sign more difficult to read.
- (8) Placing any obstruction in front of a sign.

(C) Exemption for authorized work. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit any action by a person authorized by the body politic or other agency having authority over a sign to take any action in connection with a sign.

(79 Code, § 130.316) (Ord. 1093, passed 10-19-87) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 10.99 GENERAL PENALTY.

(A) Whoever violates any provision of this code or other ordinance of this city for which another penalty is not specifically provided shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$750 for each and every violation thereof, and every day the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(B) Any person violating a provision of this code of ordinances may be required to perform some reasonable public service work for the benefit of the city, such as but not limited to the picking up of litter in public parks or along public highways or the maintenance of public facilities.

(C) All fines imposed for a violation of any provisions of this code or the ordinances of the city shall bear interest at the rate of 9% per annum on the unpaid balance from the date of imposition of the fine. A default in the payment of a fine and costs or any installment imposed by the circuit court or by a hearing officer may be collected by any and all means authorized for the collection of money judgments. The City Attorney may retain attorneys and private collection agents for the purpose of collecting any default in payment of any fine or installment of that fine. The fees and costs incurred by the city or by another governmental entity through an intergovernmental agreement in any such collection by attorneys and private collection agents retained by the City Attorney or by another governmental entity through an intergovernmental agreement for those purposes shall be charged to the offender.

(Am. Ord. 04-431, passed 3-24-04; Am. Ord. 18-038, passed 9-19-18)

LB138 - Adopt updates to federal law relating to motor vehicles and motor carriers and change provisions relating to transportation

Nebraska passes bill to remove helmet requirement for motorcyclists

<https://www.wowt.com/2023/05/31/nebraska-bill-passes-remove-helmet-requirement-motorcyclists/>

Please open up the link and read the story, a lot of question are still standing on this bill in my eyes.

California Unification Rally Draws 3,000 to State Capitol

On May 21, 2023, over 3,000 motorcyclists gathered at the California State Capitol in Sacramento to talk biker's rights, and to send a message to the state legislature that a change in how California deals with issues important to riders is needed. Speakers from the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of California, ABATE of California, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), the National Council of Clubs (NCOC) and other groups took to the podium to stress the importance of all riders - as well as other consumer advocates including those in the automotive industry - coming together to present a unified front. Rally organizer and MRF State Representative 'Chappy' Patrick Carver and his team of volunteers did yeoman's work in

organizing the event. Chappy is also the President and lobbyist for the MMA of California and works closely with the MRF on legislative issues being addressed in Congress. Numerous long-time California activists, including ABATE lobbyists Jim Lombardo and Bobby T, ABATE officers David 'D-Man' Seiler, Chuck Pedersen, and MMA/ABATE Liaison Dave Battles were on hand as well.

For California riders, a major concern continues to be the issue of being unfairly profiled by law enforcement. Following a concerted, years-long effort by motorcycle clubs from around the country, the NCOC, the MRF, state motorcyclists' rights organizations and thousands of independent riders, anti-profiling resolutions have now been passed in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives with bi-partisan support. On a local level, five states have passed standalone anti-profiling laws. California and other states are working to have similar legislation enacted.

Other topics of discussion at the rally included protecting the rights of consumers to repair their machines, the unrealistic rush to outlaw internal combustion engines in favor of electric vehicles, ongoing issues associated with unregulated self-driving autonomous vehicles, and the appropriate labeling and availability of E10 or lower petroleum fuels.

MRF Executive Director Mark Buckner addressed the rally, emphasizing the importance of the challenges and opportunities facing riders today. Buckner discussed MRF's recent Bikers Inside the Beltway lobbying campaign in Washington, D.C., highlighting the issues discussed with members of Congress and their staff. Those issues included ongoing efforts to end unfair profiling; H.R. 906, the Repair Act, seeking to stop manufacturers from limiting the ability of consumers and independent shops to repair products; H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choices in Vehicle Purchases Act, seeking to amend the Clean Air Act to prevent a ban on internal combustion engines; ensuring that Congress and executive branch agencies including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provide appropriate oversight regarding self-driving vehicles; ensuring that consumers will continue to be able to purchase E10 and lower ethanol fuels at a reasonable price; and building strong, bi-partisan motorcycle caucuses made up of motorcycle-friendly legislators in Washington, D.C.

Overall, the California Unification Rally was a resounding success, with unity and opportunity the messages of the day.

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New Facebook account is under "Clever Beowulf MC"

At this time over 20 folks have been contacted by the Hacker/ Hijacker in one way or the other. 2 people have been locked out of their accounts too.

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ABATE State Calendar for 2023

(Subject to Change) All Board Meetings will be held at the
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| August 19 | E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations) |
| September 4 | Bike Raffle Drawing |
| September 16 | E-Board Meeting |
| September 21-24 | Meeting of the Minds (Harrisburg PA) |
| October 21 | E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations) |
| November 18 | E-Board meeting |
| December 16 | E-Board and BOD meetings (elections) Christmas Party |



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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 | |
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| DUKANE CHAPTER | PO BOX 188 | W CHICAGO | IL | 60186-0188 | 630-618-7551 | CHRIS | 1/1987 | 1/1/2023 | NE | 21 |
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| KASKASKIA VALLEY CHAPTER | 215 E NOLEMAN | CENTRALIA | IL | 62801 | 618-292-3005 | TROY | 4/2006 | 1/1/2022 | SW | |
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Signature(s) _____

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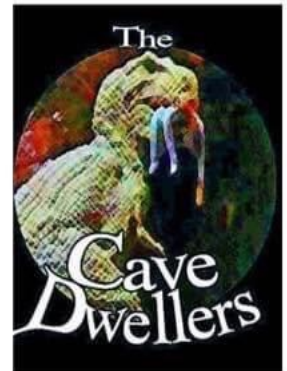
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Make up your own stops along the way.

Traveling Trophy!!!

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7 Chapters- One Final Destination

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All Money Raised goes to A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois FED-PAC & PAC

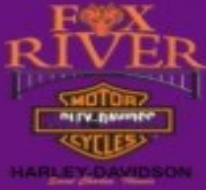
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