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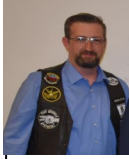
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT



By Josh
"SKI"
Witkowski

Greetings from the road to DC. As discussed at the August BOD meeting, ABATE of Illinois had some unexpected expenses related to our bike raffle program. We had to replace the truck that was destroyed by mother nature.

Thankfully Howard was able to get a great deal, and with insurance, the hit to the budget wasn't as bad as it could've been. Unfortunately, that shortfall combined with the shortfall from products had led to cancelling the full DC trip that we try to do annually. However, after talking with our State Coordinator, we realized that 4 years is too long to be away (3 of those thanks to COVID shutting down DC). So, I'm combining some personal travel along with some MRF travel to squeeze a DC trip in to meet with some Congressional Members and staff, along with NHTSA right before Meeting of the Minds in PA. The estimated cost will be under 1/10th that of a normal DC trip, which we hope to have happen in 2024.

US House of Representatives passes the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act. This bill would eliminate bans on the sale of combustion engines by removing California's exemption to the Clean Air Act as it relates to vehicles. The California Air Resources Board is an unelected group of bureaucrats that pass regulations hostile to motorcycles and off-road vehicles. Because of the size of California and the other States who follow CA rules, these regulations end up becoming US law by default. The PCIV Act would end that problem and return regulation to Congress where it belongs. ABATE of Illinois brought this issue to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation at Meeting of the Minds in 2021, and this bill was a result of that. The bill now heads to the Senate where it faces an uphill battle. You can expect us to talk to our congressional delegation about this while in DC.

Autonomous vehicles in limbo. No one in Illinois is interested in moving forward with Autonomous Vehicle regulations currently. The consensus is vehicle code and liability laws are written in such a way that it's creating gridlock on how to move forward. ABATE will be working on smaller bills to try and codify that vehicles must have a driver present and in control at all times for now while the bigger conversations continue.

On the national level, MRF says they met with NHTSA but have not released any details of the meeting other than to say they asked motorcycles to be considered. It should be noted that MRF is also working with the Motorcycle Industry Council, who is working against ABATE of Illinois on Autonomous Vehicle Regulations in Illinois. ABATE will be meeting with NHTSA rule makers, and we are communicating with MRF on these meetings. Both groups agree we are having very different meetings with NHTSA, and we think that may lead to some more opportunities to get these issues addressed. NHTSA has alluded to some documents / decisions to be released in fall, but it remains to be seen what they are talking about and whether or not USDOT will follow the recommendations.

Motorcycle Training in Danger – There had been a path to move forward with a possible statewide training partner. Personalities at IDOT and legal issues threaten to end training in the Northern 2/3 of the state. ABATE continues to work on the situation. **ABATE has learned that several lawmakers are now calling IDOT directly about this issue, please encourage them to do so. Maybe some more pressure will help the situation.**

What Did ABATE Do at The Statehouse in 2023?

Bills ABATE authored that passed & have been signed; **SB896** which legalizes Red LED underglow while braking along with LED insert lighting for turn signals, wrap around signals and disc signals. **HB2582** which removes the duplicate testing requirement for 16 & 17 year old motorcyclists while keeping the mandate that they take the MSF class. Both laws take effect Jan 1, 2024

Bills ABATE supported that have been signed into law; **HB2131** creates a zero traffic fatality taskforce and gives a "motorcycle rights organization" a seat on the taskforce. We are currently working with the Governor's office on that appointment. **HB2231** treats UBER, Lyft, Door Dash, etc equal to other transportation companies when it comes to lawsuits. Uber drivers have killed motorcyclists while driving for Uber and Uber was not able to be sued, whereas a cab company would've been liable. **HB2431** bans videoconferencing while driving.

Only one bill that ABATE opposed was signed into law. The revenue omnibus bill included a provision for 3 years of tax credits on E-15 sales. **ABATE was the only group opposed** to this bill, and our opposition was strongly noted during floor debate by GOP leader Patrick Windhorst who did a fantastic job of stating ABATE issues with Ethanol.

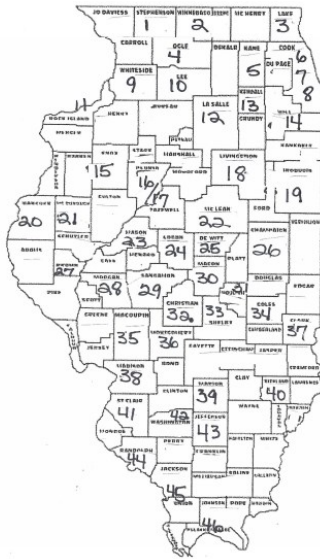
Bills that ABATE has defeated (for now); **HB1108** creates a noise monitoring program on Lake Shore Drive (which leads to uneven enforcement against motorcycles). **HB1634 / SB2050** mandate IL follow CA air emissions requirements banning combustion engines by 2035 and harming off road racing. **HB3238** is a body armor ban that bans the ownership of some motorcycle protective gear due to it containing Kevlar.

Off Road issues – ABATE has reached an agreement on language for a bill that would allow OHV to use county & township roads. The agreement moves our position to neutral instead of opposed. ABATE was also informed that \$1 million is available in the OHV trails fund which IDNR is asking our help in promoting the next round of grants to be awarded from that fund. If you have individuals or companies that want to upgrade or create new OHV trails in Illinois, please have them reach out to ABATE so we can make sure they are aware of these grants.

That's all for now.

Keep the shiny side up & I'll see you at the October Board meeting.

Josh Witkowski



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- Blackhawk-11
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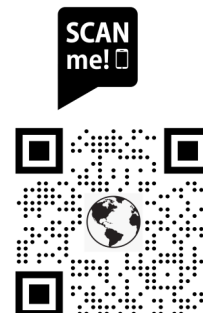
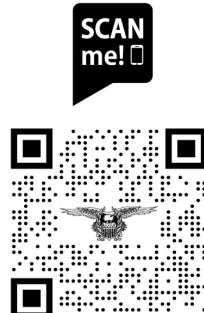
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What is ABATE?

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



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State Coordinator Hi again A.B.A.T.E friends.

I hope you had a great and safe summer of riding. Like you, I rode a lot and some of the things I saw have caused me to put down in words the things I have seen. First as you know we are all about safety and showing riders the right way to operate motorcycles. After some of the things I witnessed this year, I believe it's time to revisit some safety issues. We of A.B.A.T.E strongly fight distracted driving, but I have seen riders rolling down the road looking at their phones. We need to practice what we preach. Pull over to look at or answer your phone and wait to pull over when it's safe. Or put a message on your phone that will let callers know that you can't answer right now due to your driving. I have seen riders flying through traffic making drivers hit their brakes. We have to share the road just like all other traffic, slow down wait your turn. That practice is not only unsafe but, gives all bikers a bad name. Blasting away from a stop sign with front tire in the air. While this looks cool, it does send the wrong message to other people and is not safe. Riding down the road in sandals and shorts, which granted, is your right is still not a safe practice. There are just too many ways right now that you could go down and with that kind of clothing on, you're not going to win. Two thing I haven't seen, but has been brought to my attention is having a person riding on your tank. Not only is this dangerous, but it is also illegal. The other thing while not dangerous is illegal and disrespectful to those in need is parking in handicap parking spots. In some areas this is becoming an issue and the police are looking at it hard.

We are moving into fall riding, and with it come more issues you have to be aware of. One, you still have construction, two weather, this time of year becomes even more unpredictable. So, take extra precautions. Then to add even more to the mix, farm equipment will be on the move. Farm equipment move much slower than other traffic and take up most of the road. Corn is up and it becomes even harder to see at intersections, and farm equipment coming out of the fields will bring mud and other debris up onto the road. And last but just as bad is falling leaves from trees as they turn. A heavy dew in the morning on fallen leaves and you have a skating rink out there.

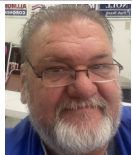
So, in closing please, please ride safe this fall we, have already lost to many brothers and sisters this year.

With love and respect from your State Coordinator
Bob (Mouse) Ellinger



Assistant State Coordinator

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State Treasurer Howard Nation is celebrating three milestones this year. First is a record year of Bike Raffle Sales. He will be sharing the success by handing out Raffle Kick-Back checks for chapters with significant sales in 2023. Your Board Rep will be receiving those checks at the October Board of Directors meeting.

Second. He replaced the aging bike trailer. This was a multi-year budgeting effort primarily funded with advertising on the trailer. The new trailer has several upgrades including external video, electric for trickle charging while in transit and additional bike hardware. Several chapters take the truck for a weekend event. Howard puts his bike in the trailer, drives to chapters for their events and rides home on his own ride.

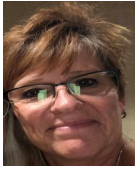


Third, you may notice the truck in the above photo replaces the truck which served us for the last ten years. That truck was claimed by wicked weather, the tree branch which attacked was massive.



The Executive Board has reviewed and published a budget for 2023. See your Board Rep for details.

Always a Pleasure,
Paul Truax



Products
Coordinator

Hello to all ABATE members.

Will be working with the Assistant State Coordinator for shirt design for the State Seminar.

Will see all of you who will be attending the October Swap meet.

Thank you for the continued support to the Products of ABATE of Illinois.

Watch for new items coming soon.

Paulette Korte

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Newsletter
Coordinator

Articles due October 14th, 2023 for the November Printed 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 upon request.**

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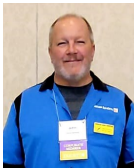
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Safety and Ed
Coordinator

October is a beautiful month to enjoy the fall colors and the crisp air on your motorcycle. But it also comes with some hazards that you need to be aware of and prepared for. Here are some tips to help you ride safely and have fun in October.

Watch Out for Farm Equipment and Debris - October is harvest season, which means you may encounter farm equipment on the roads, especially in rural areas. These vehicles are often large, slow-moving, and have wide turning radiuses. They may also leave behind debris such as mud, corn stalks, or even tools that have fallen off. To avoid collisions or accidents, you should: Slow down and keep a safe distance from farm equipment. Pass them only when it is legal and safe to do so, and make sure you have enough visibility and space. Be alert for debris on the road and avoid it if possible or reduce your speed and use caution if you have to ride over it.

Be Careful of Deer - October 1st marks the start of deer season in Illinois, which means bow hunters will be in the woods and deer will be more active on the roads. Deer is unpredictable and can dart out in front of you without warning, especially at dawn and dusk. Watch for Deer Crossing Signs where they are more active and ride more cautiously,

There were 121 motorcycle fatalities in Illinois as of 09/18/2023, and these numbers are expected to rise as more people take up riding. As a motorcycle rider, you should never be the one at fault for these tragic deaths. Sometimes, we are responsible for our own accidents due to our negligence or lack of skills. That's why it is important to take a rider training course, whether you are a beginner or an experienced rider.

Lincoln Land Member Donald Huckstep has a Free Training Course. It's usually held at the Halls Harley Davidson Parking Lot on certain days. You can find this on Facebook - "Huck's Cone Killing - Motorcycle slow speed skills practice". I personally found this very beneficial. Skills you normally don't use on a daily basis.

I hope to see you all at our ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet and Bike Show at the Champaign Fairgrounds.

Come by and see my Safety and Education Table...
Ride Safe!



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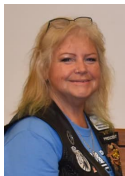
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Activities
Coordinator

Greetings everyone,

Well this month is flying right by we still have plenty of good riding weather left... we're working on getting everything together for the swap meet in Champaign Illinois, at the Champaign County Fairgrounds we're starting to see vendors come in now if you have anybody you'd like to see been there please share their name and number or have them contact me we would love to have them this is a new venue for us so I'm hoping to get enough vendors to make it go and make it an annual thing.

The trophies are done for the bike show at the event, and they look simply Amazing so get those bikes shined up and get them over to the fairgrounds that day October 29th vendors can come in a day early and set up it's the same rules and routine as we do in Springfield.

If you need to book a room at the Comfort inn, Best Western, Rodeway inn right around the Harley shop there off of Lincoln Avenue all will give you a special rate if you mentioned ABATE.

We're getting all the dates set in place and should be lined up for you and presented at the BOD meeting for events coming up for 2024 wow can you believe that 2024 is already coming to us.

We've got a lot of exciting adventures set up for you because next year's State party is going to be a great time... we must top last year of course!!! LOL, and we have an amazing team working on it so there's no doubt in my mind it's going to be a party to remember.

I would like to remind everybody to watch your neighboring events and activities and watch the state activity so that we're not sitting on top of each other let's compliment each other with activities so they can all flourish. Please.

I am so proud to have been your activity director for 2023. It's been a great time and I've had an amazing team to work with our executive board worked very hard to bring good events to you.

You all ride safely and have a good time. We will see you all at the BOD meeting in October.

Sharilyn
State Activities Director



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10' x 10' space.....\$50 advance - \$60 at the door
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State Secretary

Hello Friends,

The August Board of Directors meeting was productive. We had 34 Chapters present. A reminder to all Chapter Reps, please be sure to sign the check in sheet at the front table when you

pick up your voting card. This is in addition to signing your voting card. We have chapter reps not signing in and the chapters are not getting credit for attending.

The following motions were made:

BOD2023-012 Motion to only donate the money in the deferred account for the MRF on September 15, 20023 by Dukane, seconded by Heart of Illinois. Open Roads, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock and Thunder Rock opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2023-013 Motion to close the products account, impose a ten dollar postage for and the treasurer set a credit card in place by Embarras Valley, seconded by Eastern Illinois. No opposed. Motion passed.

BOD 2023-014 Motion to approve Salt Creek's new logo by Heart of Illinois, seconded by Eastern Illinois. No opposed. Motion passed.

First round of nominations for the 2024 Executive Board occurred during the meeting as well.

The Nominations are:

State Coordinator —Open

Asisstant State Coordinator —Scott Carter

Secretary —Teri Smith

Treasurer —Paul Truax

Legislative Coordinator

—Josh Witkowski

—Jeff Marsh

Safety and Education Coordinator —John Anderson

Products Coordinator —Paulette Korte

Newsletter Coordinator —Sonya Link

Public Relations Coordinator —Chris Hansen

Bike Raffle Coordinator —Howard Nation

Activities Coordinator —Sharilyn Kibler- Russell

Northeast Regional Coordinator —Rich Gruner

Northwest Regional Coordinator

—Robert Ruddell

—Patti Smith

East Central Regional Coordinator

—Rick Makowski and Todd Farthing
(as Co-Coordinators)

—William Mills

LETTER OF INTENT
2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Treasurer

I, Paul Truax, intend to be State Treasurer of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. for 2024.

A few years ago I started doing bookkeeper services which saved \$4,000 the first year. I continue to save thousands annually for these services. I was able to bring in more than seven thousand in government grants during the pandemic. As of 2023, I was able to finally include all bank accounts (there are seven) and our investment accounts into our balance sheet. It's been a pleasure to serve you and ABATE of Illinois. I look forward to many more years of service.

East Central Region Coordinator

I William (howdy) mills would like consideration for East Central Region Coordinator, I have held this office for a year, I've had this office a total of 3 years prior, I have tried my best to help chapters in my region with any problems that have come up. I also have enjoyed meeting and seeing everyone I can in the region. I've been to many of my chapter's events, meetings and plan on continuing interacting with every chapter that I can, even those outside my region.

William (Howdy) Mills

Northwest Region Coordinator

I want to say thank you to everyone who has supported and help me this year! It has been an honor to serve you as the NW Region Coordinator. I would like to be considered for re-election in 2024. I will continue to do my best to serve this organization as a productive member. In the last year I have had the opportunity to get the Future of ABATE Committee up and going, serve my chapters, and meet some amazing people. Looking forward to serving again.

Thank you again.

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-Robert Ruddell

Northwest Region Coordinator

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| BOD Attendance | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-------|------|--------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Chapter | February | April | June | August | October | December | Post Cards Sent |
| Backroads | X | - | | | | | 6/23 |
| Black Diamond | - | X | | X | | | |
| Blackhawk | X | X | X | | | | |
| Central Illinois | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Chicago | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Crawford County | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Dukane | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Eastern Illinois | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Embarras Valley | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Freebird | X | X | X | | | | |
| Freedom Riders | - | X | X | X | | | |
| Freedom Valley | X | X | X | | | | |
| Freeport | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Heart of Illinois | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Kaskaskia Valley | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Kishwaukee Valley | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Lamoine Valley | X | X | | X | | | |
| Liberty | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Lincolmland | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Midstate | X | X | | X | | | |
| Northern Illinois | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Old River | X | - | | | | | 6/23 |
| Open Roads | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Pathfinders | X | X | | X | | | |
| Peo-Taz | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Piasa-Gateway | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Priairieland | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Richland County | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Salt Creek | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Shawnee Hills | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Shoal Creek | X | X | X | X | | | |
| South Suburban | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Southern Illinois 27 | X | X | X | X | | | |
| St Clair | X | X | | | | | 9/23 |
| Starved Rock | X | X | X | X | | | |
| State Line Riders | - | X | | X | | | |
| Ten Mile Creek | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Thunder Rock | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Tri-County | X | X | X | | | | |
| Twin Rivers | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Union Jack | X | X | | X | | | |
| Will County | X | | X | X | | | |
| Windy City | - | X | | | | | 9/23 |

BOARD MEETINGS


October 21, 2023

10:30am
Executive Board

1:00pm
Board of Directors





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Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois Members!

October is here and that means its spooky season. Halloween is my favorite holiday, and I hope you all enjoy it and the beautiful cooler weather that comes with it for riding your motorcycle. What is scary though is the motorcyclist fatalities that have some in 2023. We can NOT let the message of motorcycle awareness and safety go away in our communities. Motorcycles are still on the roads and people still aren't paying attention. With well over 100 fatalities this year, its clear we aren't doing enough to spread that message. Are your chapters getting into schools and talking to young drivers? Are your chapters setting up booths at events in your communities and talking with riders about safety and motorists of awareness and putting down their cell phones? This is an **ALL HANDS ON DECK** situation. We can not sit around while we continue losing our brothers and sisters. Get your chapters out into your communities and spread the word!

Who's ready for the ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show happening October 29th? It's all going down at the Champaign County Fairgrounds in the Floral Building starting at 8am for Early Bird Admission and 10am for General Admission. Hotels are available in the area if needed at the Best Western and Rodeway Inn. Give them a call if you need a room and tell them you're with ABATE of Illinois. There are going to be a lot of great vendors at this event. ArtbyDirt, Mama Bear Cups, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Green-Eyed Cat are just a few. It's going to be a great event to attend if you're looking for those hard-to-find motorcycle parts! The Twisted Spoke RC is sponsoring the Motorcycle Show this time and they're presenting trophies to the winners. Buford's Pub will be providing awesome food for this event and B&T Extravaganza will be jamming the tunes. Make sure you have this on your calendar and come find those parts you need and hang out for some great motorcyclist camaraderie! A big thank you goes out to our supporters of this event: ABATE Legal, Hupy & Abraham, the Petroleum Group, and Law Tigers! Head to www.abate-il.org/Swap-Meet for more details.

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 October 21st
- ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show on October 29th
- ABATE of Illinois Christmas Party on December 16th

I want to thank you for your nomination for a 4th term as the ABATE of Illinois Public Relations Coordinator. I really feel we've gone in the right direction as far as getting our organization out into the public. But there's so much more to do. That's why I have accepted the nomination so that we can keep the work going. I look forward to continuing this work with you all.

As always, I am available if you need to reach out or have any

questions, concerns, or ideas. Text or email me any time.

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

ABATE of Illinois Public Relations Coordinator

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- Bryan Stephens - 2022 Honda Rancher
- Troy Page - \$1,500
- Adam Davison - \$400
- Devin Ryan - \$300
- Brad Percy - \$200
- Don Schymick - \$100
- Dave Barnes - 5 Year ABATE Membership

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Elizabeth Winters

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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

The Labor Day holiday weekend was a hot one with 90 degree heat. Hopefully everyone stayed safe and got some miles locally or took a longer trip somewhere. Cooler weather will become the norm as the riding season dwindles down with maybe three months left to go before many of you store the bikes for the winter. Some of you may have been in the audience when Elizabeth Winters, a member of the Northeast Region and MRF Board member, won the raffle bike at the Springfield Mile on September 3rd. Congratulations! Hopefully Liz takes delivery and gets to enjoy a few rides this season.

I want to turn to a subject that is very serious. I am saddened and angered (as I am sure many of you are) by weekly news reports from across our state and in the northeast region on the deaths of motorcyclists. August 22nd, a motorcyclist was killed in front of Kaneland High School by a teenager who disobeyed a stop sign. September 3rd, a female motorcyclist in Chicago was struck and killed by a motorist who was traveling in the same direction. In another crash on the same day two members from DuKane Chapter were killed when a driver pulled out in a no passing zone to pass another vehicle and struck them head on (the driver lost his life also). September 7th, a motorist struck a motorcyclist and ran away while the victim lay injured in the street. And there are more if you wish to search the news. Yes, many motorists are driving distracted. Yes, many motorists ignore the speed limit, drive recklessly, commit lane violations and more. It is true they often don't see us.

However...we are killing ourselves in single motorcycle crashes, too. A motorcyclist from Texas was killed when he passed thru a toll plaza on I-90, struck a concrete barrier, went down and died of his injuries. In June, a similar crash occurred on Sheridan Road in Rogers Park when a motorcyclist struck the center median and died of his injuries. Last week near Libertyville, per witnesses, a motorcyclist was driving at a high rate of speed weaving thru traffic and stuck the rear end of a truck and was killed. A similar incident occurred in Schaumburg earlier this summer on I-90. Countless times we hear of motorcyclists running off the road in curves, striking a tree or pole and passing away from their injuries.

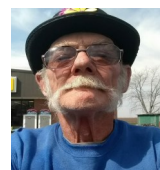
As an educational organization, every chapter must get in front of as many motorists, drivers ed students, sports car clubs, truck drivers, senior drivers etc. to beg them to slow down, obey the traffic laws and do the right thing by not running away, calling 911 and offering medical assistance if involved in a crash with one of us. Further, we must get with other single motorcyclists and riders groups to promote the same. We cannot be hypocritical. We need to get with our legislators to find a solution to restart rider training class throughout the state. Our lives, their lives depend on it. Please ride safe!

Rich Gruner
NE Region Coordinator



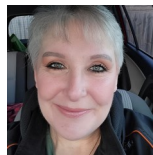
NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: ROBERT RUDDELL

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

No article submitted.





SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB STOUT

As I write this, it is early September. At the last months BOD meeting we had the first round of nominations for next years' eBoard Officers. I was nominated to be the representative for the Southeast Region again next year. I accepted the nomination. I have met people from most of the areas' Chapters and attended some of the events in the region. Please ask your chapters' BOD representative to vote for me in December. So far, I have enjoyed meeting people and holding this office again.

In our area (the southeast region) we are a bit more spread out than some of the areas. The most populous (most people per square mile) county in our region only has a little over ninety people per square mile. Some counties in Illinois have thousands of people per square mile. While there are some other counties in Illinois that also have a low population density, in general our region area has fewer people in it than other regions. In some ways this is good. This means we usually don't have as far to go before we get to some really nice areas to ride but being spread out has led to most of the chapters in our area being smaller than the chapters in some other areas.

It's also about the time for individual chapters start their process to elect their chapter offices for next year. ABATE Bylaws require that a chapter has the five following officers: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Safety and Education, and Legislative Director. These are the officers required by the State, your Chapter can, and most do, have other officers (for example our Chapter also has a V.P., a Road Captain, a Sergeant at Arms, and a Membership officer).

While the process is supposed to be the same in all chapters, the process of selecting an officer in two chapters can be different. While some chapters have multiple people willing to take each of the offices and the members vote to elect the person whom they think is the best suited for a job. Sometimes the smaller chapters have trouble filling all their offices. They may only have five people willing to do the five required officer positions. In this case the five people will talk to each other and say "if you do this office, I will do that office" until they get people nominated to fill required offices. Then they vote them in. This may not be the ideal way select officers but, we have had a number of chapters fold just because they could not get the required officers.

There are two big problems with the same five people doing the same five offices every year. One is that some members may start to think "I think I could do that job better but, there is no way I can get voted in". The other is that sooner or later the officer doing the work will burn out and get out of ABATE completely.

The point here being that our older members need to work to get the newer members get more involved. It's better for the newer member learn to do the job with a little on the side supervision than to learn it because the pervious officer burned out on the job and quit. And, if you never have held an office don't be afraid to take on a job as a chapter officer, none of them are that hard and you can get good training on what you need to know at the State Seminar in January. And that fresh Idea you have, it might be just what ABATE needs.

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By Rod Taylor
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MOTORCYCLE PASSENGER INJURED BECAUSE OF A DEFECTIVE HELMET- NEED WITNESS

Rod thanks for meeting with me. I left you my expert report where he opines that the Scorpion EXO-R320 helmet was defective in design and/or manufacturing. The accident happened in North Vernon Indiana on 7/16/21 when my 13-year-old client fell off the back of a motorcycle traveling 30-35 mph. I left you pictures of his injury and the helmet with a large crack. The investigating police officer seized the helmet, telling the family he had never seen a helmet crack like that. You said you could write an article in the next issue of ABATE's magazine warning helmet users to get the more sturdy helmet and to see if anyone else has seen a helmet crack like the one my client was wearing. Thanks so much for your assistance. Have a great day! Lawyer for the thirteen-year-old passenger.

TOWNS PASSING HELMET LAWS IN STATES THAT ARE HELMET FREE

IS THE TAIL WAGGING THE DOG?

Q. A member of ABATE was riding through Portage and was stopped by a cop for not having a helmet. When the biker produced a motorcycle endorsement and advised the police officer that Indiana was helmet free. That officer advised the biker - good try but in Portage, the city had an ordinance requiring a helmet. How can this be when Indiana is a helmet free state? ABATE of Indiana member.

A. The officer is wrong. It only makes sense that we have uniform laws throughout the states. To hold otherwise would be to require bikers in helmet free states to map a path of travel in order to avoid helmet requiring towns. Those cities and towns are not being practical, or good citizens. They may mean well, but they are off the rail. Recall that Myrtle Beach in South Carolina tried to pull that one a few years back. The Supreme Court of that state slapped Myrtle Beach and held the ordinance unconstitutional. Likewise in Cleveland, where the city passed a stronger law on gun possession than the state required. The Ohio Supreme Court ruled "no way" on the more restrictive ordinance, and held Cleveland's ordinance unconstitutional by saying that in areas where the state has laws, cities and towns need to back off where the state has already decided to regulate. The lawyers call that preemption. One way to cure aggressive tactics of wayward cities and towns that violate our rights by stopping us based on bogus laws, is to require those towns to pay damages to the biker for the unconstitutional stop. If they

can fine us, we should be able to fine them.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW [ALMOST] ABOUT GETTING ON SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

Even though the Social Security regulations on eligibility for disability payments cover thousands of pages, we can reduce them to these simple rules/questions:

1. Start with - do we meet guidelines for a defined impairment? If so, go to the next rule.
2. Are we working? If so, do we meet the definition of "substantial gainful activity?" Even if we are forcing ourselves and injuring our health even more - tough bananas if we earn more than the threshold amount [that amount goes up every year.] Even if you are not doing the work and have an employer who wants to keep you on for old times' sake, and even if you and your work are worthless - you are not eligible. This is decision time. To quit or not to quit is the question - for health's sake.
3. Did we pay enough money into Soc. Sec.?? The S.S. folks look at payments by you for a period of years. Remember for every dollar you put in, your employer puts in a dollar. All that money is sent to the Federales in Baltimore Md., where they keep it in a big bag until they decide who gets it. Guess how much the Government puts in? Zero - that's right, zero.

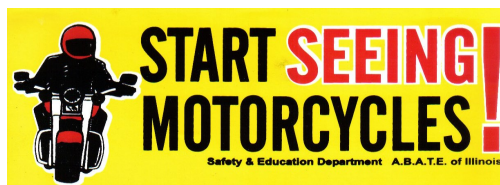
This money is put in by you and your employer - only. Look at the pay stub portion that talks about FICA. There is no line for contributions by anyone else but you and your work effort - so much for the argument that this payment is a welfare payment.

4. Are we impaired and meet a listing? You should not walk but run to the nearest rehabilitation specialists that can help you sort through all the regulations defining impairment and whether you meet a defined listing.

5. Can you do anything else? For those of us that have reached 50 we get off the hook a little on the retraining requirement. I think the theory is we will be dead by the time we get retrained, so why not let up on the over-50 crowd. Remember, in the meantime, they are holding your money in that bag in Baltimore.

The good news is after 2 years on disability, you get Medicare, the bad news is that you will wait 13 months to get on disability - even if you started today. So what do you do for that time period? Congress forgot to answer that one for you.

p.s. In a future article, we will cover how to avoid being labeled a sandbagger by the Federales, and other helpful rules of S.S. experience.



IN DELAWARE YOU NEED A HELMET FOR “HARVEY” THE RABBIT

AND SIZE DOESN'T MATTER

Q. Mr. Taylor. Yesterday while riding on a limited access highway in Delaware in heavy shore traffic a stationary state trooper entered the road behind me. He navigated through many cars and positioned himself behind me. He immediately illuminated his lights and pulled me over. I was at a loss for a reason as I had broken no laws and my bike was in order.

Upon encountering me, he immediately stated that he wanted to make sure I was in possession of an approved helmet. I stated that my helmet was stowed in my luggage and he demanded to see it. I produced a helmet, he in turn inspected it and told me it was not approved. He issued me a \$94 ticket and drove off.

Is this legal? I had no passenger so ... he had no reasonable suspicion to stop me. Was I profiled? Does the law mandate that I display a helmet? I am thinking of fighting this spot check helmet possession thing. They say I can drive to Delaware with a DOT helmet and get out of it, but I think that really sucks. They shouldn't be able to stop you and make you open your luggage for no good reason. Thanks Bill Burke. Quakertown, Pa.

A. Bill. I agree. We have reviewed many helmet laws in our time, but I think that the Delaware law leads the unusual. Even though Delaware is helmet free for those 19 and older, oddly the law there requires you to always carry a helmet - even when you have no passenger. I guess just in case you pick up a passenger under 19. But what size helmet do you carry? One size fits all? Do you have to carry all sizes just in case? How many helmets? 5? 10? 20? Silly, but that would follow logically. Maybe it is ok if the helmet doesn't fit correctly - you just have to have one and size doesn't matter? Here is the text of the law:

Every person operating or riding on a motorcycle shall have in that person's possession a safety helmet approved by the Secretary of Safety and

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Homeland Security (hereinafter "Secretary") through the Office of Highway Safety and shall wear eye protection approved by the Secretary; provided, however, that every person up to 19 years of age operating or riding on a motorcycle shall wear a safety helmet and eye protection approved by the Secretary.

I say the officer did not have probable cause to stop you and search your luggage, and certainly did not have reason to search for a helmet when you had no passenger. Sadly, you will now have to invest a lot of your time to fight this improper citation. I applaud your efforts. Keep us posted. I would like to write a follow up as to your experience in court.

MOTORCYCLE VS. TRACTOR - WHO WINS?

Q. My girlfriend and I were recently involved in an accident with a piece of farm equipment that was operating on the roadway. We were both slightly injured, but I'm not sure if I want to hire a lawyer at this point. What can I do to protect myself while I decide what I need to do?

A. There are a number of things you should do before too much time goes by. These are normally things that the staff at ABATE Legal Services will do for you, but if you want to wait before making that decision, here are the steps to take.

- * Don't give a recorded statement to the insurance company.
- * Get the police report. The report names witnesses and will give the reporting officer's version of what he claims the witnesses say happened.
- * Identify witnesses. Get contact information.
- * Take color photos of the accident scene (skid

marks, sight obstructions, “No Passing” signs or stripes, traffic signs, etc.). Note posted speed limits.

* Take color photos of property damage – of both parties’ damaged property, if you can.

* Take color photos of personal injuries. Do not be shy or modest.

* Keep a journal (some use a calendar) of medical care: prescriptions, therapy, X-rays, doctor visits.

* Include physical symptoms in your journal.

* Keep track of missed work and social opportunities.

* If you are not at fault and received a traffic citation, fight it. Hire a lawyer if you must.

* If the other party or their insurer will not pay for your

damages, consider hiring a lawyer to prosecute your claim.

I hope this information is helpful. Feel free to call us at ABATE Legal Services if you have any questions. I wish you and your girlfriend a full and speedy recovery.

Ride Safe.

Rod Taylor

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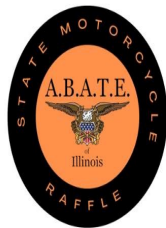
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| Nov 18-19, 2023 | Belleville | Belle-Clair Fairgrounds | Flea Market |
| Nov 23-26, 2023 | Springfield | White Oaks Mall | Thanksgiving Weekend |
| Dec 8-24, 2023 | Springfield | White Oaks Mall | Christmas Holiday |
| Jan 7, 2024 | Belleville | Belle-Clair Fairgrounds | Winter Blows Swap Meet |
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| July 18-20, 2024 | Freeport | Big O's on the Hallow | ABATE & MRF Awareness |
| July 27, 2024 | Sandwich | Downtown | Car Show |
| July 28, 2024 | Sycamore | Downtown | Car Show |
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| August 10-11, 2024 | Mendota | Downtown | Sweetcorn Festival |
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NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport Chapter

It has been a long HOT summer for riding this year. The weather is starting to cool down a bit though. Our Costume Cruise ride is on October 28, 2023. Meet at Logans at 10:30. This is free. We will be riding around in Freeport in full Halloween costumes, and then handing out candy after the ride. All we have left to do is draw the cards for the Mann-iac run. They will be drawn at the October meeting at the Freeport Eagles Club on October 15, 2023. I hope everyone who bought books got at least a few stops in. There were some fun ones. We had our Bark at the Moon run in July. Turk won 1st place, Judy Carroll won 2nd, and Brian Wing won 3rd. The NW Region Convergence Run was also in July with Starved Rock taking home the traveling trophy for most members in attendance. August was the DAV rally in Davis, IL. We also manned the Freeport Cruise Night bike corral. Our Search for the Nuts Run was on Sept. 23, 2023. We also have a Burger Run every month. Check your Soft-Tale, or our Facebook page for dates and times. There is something for everyone.

As most of you know our summer meetings at Riviera Park ended with the September meeting. We are now meeting at the Freeport Eagles Club, 1200 West Galena, Freeport, Illinois. They start at 12:30 PM. We have a membership drawing and if your name is drawn and you are present you win a free years membership. Names drawn this year were; Rob Claeysen in January, Carol Harris in February, Doug Van Horn in March, he was present, Barney Shelburn in April, Kelly Chesney in May, Jack Rowley in June, Kim Switzer in July, and Angie Poage in

August. Sorry you missed out, but there are still 4 months left to come to a meeting.

With fall right around the corner we need to be more vigilant while riding. Farmers will be working the fields and they will be bringing dirt and mud onto the roads, not to mention the slow moving tractors. Wet leaves can be very slippery, and when it gets close to evening the roads may frost and be very slippery also. Just use a little common sense and be safe out there.

Nominations for Chapter Officers for 2024 also start at our October meeting and continue in November. We will be voting at the December meeting. We have a few Officers who would like to retire after holding their offices for many years. They are more than willing to help ease the new officers into their new position. It only takes a few hours a month, and it helps preserve our motorcycling rights.

Planning has begun for our annual Christmas Party. If you have any ideas bring them to a meeting. We are always looking for new ideas on what to do.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart,

Becky



Open Roads Chapter

Summer Book Rides, booths at car shows, signing up new members, entering bike shows, state bike raffle tickets, and parades are some of the events that our members have been doing. Busy time of year. Seems like a lot of accidents involving motorcyclists lately with injuries and fatalities. Most of these are not the biker's fault...what more can we do to prevent this from happening? We have "May Motorcycle Awareness Month", send out PSAs, banners, and more. This has to stop (I surely do not have an answer).

Our vice-president and BOD rep is Brian Smith who has been doing a superb job traveling to Springfield every other month. He takes great notes and shares what he learns about updates, concerns, issues with our chapter. He keeps up to date on all of our events and participates with most of them. He was instrumental in working with a local motorcycle club with a joint project and continues to be our liaison. Thank you, Brian, for all you do.

Summer Book 2023 – has anyone gotten all 62 stamps? I know a few of you have. On behalf of our committee, we really thank everyone for their support and buying our books. The books give you places to ride, things to do, brings added revenue to many of the stops, and a portion of the money goes to safety and ed. It is a win-win for everyone.

Vietnam Moving Wall – Members from Open Roads assisted the motorcycle escort of the Vietnam Moving Wall on August 24 in Peru. Sam Mataya, Fred Chaffer, Sean Winkler, Richard Kossak, and Cliff Oleson helped display the wall. Sean was one of the organizers of this very moving event.

Dinner Ride to Beaver Den – August 13, 11 members rode to Beaver's Den Tavern in Paw Paw to enjoy lunch and a ride.

Escort Vietnam Wall in Peru – August 24, Motorcycle escort line up/staging is at Target in Peru (4370 Venture Drive) at 9:15 am, KSU 9:45 am. The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall escort will be from the Target parking lot to North Peoria Street to Peru Veterans Memorial Park. There will also be a replica of the Middle East Conflicts Memorial Wall from Marseilles, IL and the First Responders Memorial Wall to honor those who perished in the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001. If you want to ride in a group to Peru, please meet at Plano American Legion (510 E. Dearborn) with KSU 8 am.

Rookie Run – was August 27, sponsored by The Friendly Tap in Plano, with several Open Roads members participating. They rode to 5 stops and Mitch Busch won the poker hand. Proceeds donated to The Open Door Rehabilitation Center in Sandwich.

Ride to Starved Rock ABATE Meeting – September 10, six members (Diana Rebechini, Kevin & Patti Smith, Bruce Littlebrant, Cliff Oleson, and Bill Kolb) rode to Claudette’s in Oglesby for the Starved Rock ABATE meeting. Nice ride, great company, and nice to network with other chapters.

Progressive Dinner – September 16, met at Plano Legion, went to Flight Deck in Rochelle for appetizers, Shakers in Ottawa for dinner, and Village Courtyard in Somonauk for dessert.

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:

Next Meeting – Our October meeting will be on Saturday, October 28, 6 pm, at Plano American Legion. Come for updates, events, nominations of officers, food, fellowship, and more. Nominations for officers took place at the August meeting and will take place again at our October meeting. The following members were nominated:

President – Cliff Oleson, Vice-President – Brian Smith, Secretary – Patti Smith, Treasurer – Sally Kolb, Membership – Bill Kolb, Legislative – Sam Mataya, Products – Sharyl & Sam Mataya, Safety & Ed – Lynn Hoffman, Activities – Kevin Smith, Road Captain – Diana Rebechini, Court Jester – Tracey Supan, BOD Rep – Brian Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms – Sam Mataya, and Public Relations – Linda Oleson. Additional nominations may be made at October meeting followed by election of officers.

LaSalle, Putnam, & Bureau County Toy Run – meet at Plano Legion with KSU 10 am on October 1, ride to Shaker’s in Ottawa for lunch, ride to Blue Collar Bikes in Spring Balley to register for toy run, go for a ride, and meet at Spring Valley Boat Club for food, music, raffles, and 50/50.

Business After Hours – Thursday, October 5, 5:30 to 7 pm, Plano Legion. We are a member of the Plano Area Commerce Association and hosting “Business after Hours”. This is a chance for us to promote Open Roads ABATE to our community. Wear your leathers.

Plano High School Homecoming Parade – line up at Plano High School 9 am, parade begins at 10 am, 2 mile route, bring candy for the kiddos.

Summer Book Post Party – Saturday, October 7, 3 to 6 pm, Plano American Legion. If you bought our book, you get a free meal and a raffle ticket. If you have 46 regular stamps and one bonus stamp you get one chance for the cash prizes, 46 regular and 2 bonus stamps you get 2 chances, and so on. Cash prizes to be given away will total at least \$2000. Books must be turned in by 4 pm on October 7. Get in on the marble game and 50/50. Drawings for prizes begin at 5. Can’t make the party? Mail your book to L Oleson, 1008 N. Lew Street, Plano, IL 60545. Book must be received by September 20 to be eligible for cash prizes.

DuKane ABATE Toy & Food Run – October 8, breakfast at Exquisite Skillet in Plano at 8:30 am, KSU 9:30 am, ride to Knuckleheads in Elburn to join with other motorcycles for a ride to Sycamore Speedway. Donate unwrapped new toys and

foods, visit vendors, bike games, music, and much more.

Dinner ride to Cherry Red Roasters in Dwight on October 14, meet at Plano Legion with KSU at 11 am and arrive at Cherry Red Roasters at 12:15-12:30 pm to enjoy lunch.

Trunk or Treat – October 29, 1 to 3 pm, Plano Methodist Church, arrive at 12:30 pm, event is 1 to 3 pm. Members hand out candy from their bikes to 400 children.

Fall Train Fun Run – November 18, meet at Aurora Train Station on Broadway Street in Aurora by 9:45 am, train leaves at 10:20 am sharp, ride to 3 stops, shirts & cozies, get in on the games, train ticket is \$7 and game ticket is \$5.

Upcoming events include 2024 Calendar, Feed My Starving Children, elections for officers, and more. Come to a meeting, event, check out our Facebook page or call Cliff (630) 552-3828 or Patti (815) 498-6025 if you have questions, events, updates, or suggestions. Be safe...Ride Safe.

Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity

Pictures:

Open Roads ABATE members manned a booth at Turn Back Time Car Show in Sycamore on July 30. Some of the members included Elizabeth Buikema, Diana Rebechini, Turn Back Time Bike Show Coordinator Ellie Rains, Tracey Supan, and Nickie Warmac.



Open Roads ABATE members were at Sandwich Showdown on July 29. Pictured are Bruce Littlebrant, Sam Mataya, Sally Kolb, Cliff Oleson, and Bob Mauer by the Open Roads sponsorship sign.

Cliff and Linda Oleson pictured with MRF President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard at the South Dakota ABATE Social Hour in Whitewood, SD.





**Starved
Rock
Chapter**

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

Starved Rock Chapter would like to welcome new members Tyler

Tombaugh from Streator and Ryan Brantley from Dwight.

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

On Saturday and Sunday August 12th&13th we had a Membership Booth and sold State Bike Raffle Tickets at the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival! Thanks to everyone who helped out! Thanks to John and Bonnie Pakenham, Shane Bice and Peggy Mills, Bob Ganze, Jeff Mccully, Cathy and Rick Green, and Kurt Downie.

On Thursday August 24th 10 chapter members helped escort the Viet Nam Traveling Memorial Wall. They were Dan K, John and Bonnie P, Bud and Theresa K, Shane B, Jeff M, Gordon P, Larry and Laurie D. Dan and Shane stayed and helped set up the wall! **See Picture.

We also had a booth at the Tonica Jeep Jam and Tonica Firemen's Car Show on Friday August 25th & Saturday August 26th. Thanks to everyone who helped set, tear down, and sell tickets! Thanks Huck K, Mitch U and Rose, Shane B and Peggy M, Don and Laurie J, Bob B. We renewed one member and signed up a new member!

On Sunday August 27th we were at Psycho Silo Saloon in Langley, Il. We had a booth for Membership and State Bike Raffle Tickets. Thanks to Kurt Downie for helping all day! We signed up one new member!

On Memorial Day there was a group of Starved Rock Chapter members and other riders in the Toluca Labor Day Parade! They took second place and were awarded a cash prize for the chapter. **See picture.

We had a meeting Sunday September 10th at Claudette's in Oglesby. There were 40 members and 8 guests present. Jason Dauck won the membership drawing and donated \$51.00 to the chapter. Thanks Jason! Door prizes were won by members Roy Dittle and Jeff Mccully. Bill Kolb from Open Roads Chapter won the guest door prize. See Rick Brandt to get tickets for the February 2023 gun raffle. Everyone needs to help sell or buy tickets! This is the main fundraiser for our chapter. Our chapter voted to donate \$500.00 to the 2023 Meeting of The Minds in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania this year. Our BOD Rep, Dan Kleckner, will present the check from our chapter in Pennsylvania. It was reported that the state is only donating money that was sent in by individual chapters and was earmarked for Meeting of the Minds which totaled \$650.00. It is my understanding that ABATE of Illinois is NOT donating money from the State. *****Shame on the Board of Directors who voted to limit the donation to the amount sent in by individual chapters!**

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

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.

Utica Veterans Parade Sunday November 5th. Lineup at noon at the carwash. Riders must be respectful and proceed in a safe manner down the parade route.

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

1st picture:
Chapter Members Who Escorted Viet Nam Traveling Memorial Wall



2nd Picture:
Chapter Members In the Toluca Labor Day Parade





Twin Rivers Chapter

Twin Rivers ABATE Swap Meet will be February 25th at the Elks Lodge in

Dixon, Il If you were at the last meeting you are probably going "huh, that's not right" Well, we had to change the date as the vendors we usually have already have a meet the weekend before and they don't usually do two back to back. You can find out more details at the October meeting at the Black Rose Saloon at 1 pm in Princeton. If you can't come to the meeting be sure to mark the 25th of February on your calendars as we always need some help at the beginning or at end of the swap meet.

My apologies for not getting an article in the last paper. I had my shoulder replaced mid-June and I couldn't type much yet at the last deadline.

At our August meeting we began officer nominations for next year and all officers present said they would remain if chapter members approve. Elections will be in December.

We are working on getting the state raffle bike for the Walneck's Swap Meet in Princeton on November 12th.

Stop in and buy a ticket to support not only the state, but your local chapter!

If any of you cycle in the Elgin area be forewarned that Tesla is bringing autonomous vehicles in to test them out. As many of you know, they do not perform well around motorcycles. They have also injured or killed people by not recognizing emergency vehicles such as fire trucks. I did see on the news that in a city in California a group has discovered that if you put an orange con/pylon in the middle of the windshield of one of these cars they have no idea what to do and just completely stop. Sounds like more fun than throwing pumpkins on Halloween Emoji

Listen to WLLT in October as new PSA's will be coming out on motorcycle safety and you should hear some familiar voices on these spots.

Farmers are starting to harvest seed corn so the deer will be running- be on the lookout and stay safe.

Kat

NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



Northern Illinois Chapter

The Northern Illinois Chapter met on August 26 with Mike R. running the meeting as Rich and

Diane were on vacation. July minutes were approved and the Treasurer's Report was approved pending audit.

Our membership is stable, no new memberships this month. A call for any outstanding bike raffle tickets was made as they were to be in Springfield in time for the drawing on Sunday September 3rd. Mike made a call for volunteers to man the booth at Walneck's swap meet on August 27 and October 15 where we sell bike raffle tickets, yard signs and promote ABATE.

Mike discussed the State BOD meeting highlighting ABATE's achievements this past spring. The group is disappointed that we have not been able to get a college or university to host motorcycle training classes in the northern half of the state. The first round of nominations for ABATE state offices began. Rich was nominated to be the Northeast Region Coordinator for 2024 by a member of the South Suburban Chapter and he officially accepted upon his return. A second round of nominations will take place at the BOD meeting in October. The election process for our chapter will begin in October also.

A motion was made and approved to renew Doyle's Pub as an ABATE Supporting business in our region.

Jeanne supports both ABATE of Wisconsin and Illinois with signage out front of the restaurant, she sells our bike raffle tickets and hosts our monthly meetings. Many motorcyclists pass by on their way to and from Wisconsin and Jeanne welcomes riders when they stop in. Doyle's is our second motorcyclist friendly business we have listed in the state newsletter along with Johnny D's Tees.

Save the date! Mike announced that we will be hosting our Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday February 24, 2024 at the Wauconda American Legion, 6-10 PM. There should be flyers and social media posts coming out shortly.

Our next meetings to be held at Doyle's Pub are:
Saturday September 23rd, 11 AM
Saturday October 28th, 11 AM

Rich Gruner



Hello from DuKane ABATE!

Well members, this month.... This month I am angry. Month after month after month we talk about motorcycle awareness and safety and telling motorists to put down the cell phones and start seeing motorcycle. Then, month after month after month we report on more brothers and sisters we have lost. This month is no different. John Smith was riding his motorcycle past Kaneland High School when a 16-year-old

student blew a stop sign and pulled out in front of him killing him. And then we lost 2 very dear friends and members in Scott and Kathleen Luczynski because a motorist decided he needed to pass a car in a no passing zone and hit them head on. Ski and Kat were long time DuKane members and always around to lend a helping hand, especially at the DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run. They were a friend to many of us and this loss has been devastating. How much more do we need to talk about

getting motorcycle awareness out there. It's been said the last few months, but it bears repeating. **GET LOUD** and then **GET LOUDER!** Losing over 100 brothers and sisters this year is awful and it's sickening when simply following the rules of the road and not breaking the law could have prevented these deaths. I am screaming it now: **PUT DOWN THE CELL PHONES, OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS, KEEP YOUR DAMN EYES ON THE ROAD, and START SEEING MOTORCYCLES!**

On a happier note, it's the 37th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run this month! All of the hard work from the DuKane BOD and Volunteers will pay off as we donate thousands of toy and food donations to children in need. This ride happens on October 8th kicking off at Knuckleheads Tavern in Elburn at 9:30am with music by the Cave Dwellers and breakfast being served by Rise N' Dine. If you haven't had the breakfast from Rise N' Dine, you've been missing out! KSU is at 12:30pm and we go on a scenic ride fully escorted and blocked by the Kane County Sheriff's Department and Kane County Emergency Management (Thank you Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain!). We end at our awesome after party point, The Sycamore Speedway in Maple Park, where toy and food donations will fill 2 flatbed semi-trailers donated by ILoca. You will see the return of mechanical bull riding and the always awesome burnout competition! We'll have music by Mock Star rocking the Sycamore Speedway Stage. If you're a hair bands fan, you won't want to miss this! New this year will be Axe Throwing by the Mobile Adventure Company! The Santa Girls will be in attendance with a 50/50 raffle and spreading the message of ABATE. And, as always, our local and state Elected Officials will be joining us. Already confirmed for this year are Wayne Township Supervisor and DuKane ABATE Vice President Randy Ramey, Elburn Mayor Jeff Walter, Kane County Madam Chair Corinne Pierog, Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser, State Representative Barbara Hernandez, State Representative Jennifer Sanalidro,

and State Senator Don DeWitte. That list grows every day. We are so excited about this event and helping children in need. We want to see you ALL there!

Make sure to join us on October 17th 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.

I will finish this month's article by just saying that we absolutely need to get out into our communities and spread the word of motorcycle awareness. We can't lose anymore brothers and sisters this year. The devastation that has been caused due to fatalities this summer is unfathomable and we need to change that ASAP!

I hope that you all have a Happy and Scary Halloween!

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

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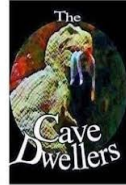
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Will County Chapter

Thank you to everyone that attended our September membership meeting, we always enjoy seeing everyone! REMINDER: The Book Run books are DUE by the October membership meeting or MUST be postmarked by October 12th, 2023. Mark your calendars now for the Book Run party, Saturday November 4th, 2023, from 6-11p at Stone City V.F.W Post 2199. We will have food, door prizes, and entertainment by Rock Productions. During the October and November membership meetings, we will be taking nominations for the Will County board member elections happening in December. If anyone is interested in supporting the Safety and Education program, please reach out via email or at the monthly membership meetings- this is important work!

Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events-

October 11th, November 8th, & December 13th @ 7:30pm- monthly meeting, Stone City V.F.W Post 2199.

October 12th- Book Run Books are DUE

November 4th- Book Run Party

October/November Membership Meetings- Board Member Nominations Accepted

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



EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty Chapter

To Liberty chapter and friends! Here we are, officially fall. Where did the summer go? Seems like we just celebrated Memorial day! Well we still have a lot of good riding weather left, and there are a lot of us who do enjoy the cooler weather of fall. Remember it is harvest season, and please always act like those giant machines can not see you and ride accordingly.

I hope you had a chance to attend our Backwoods Biker Bash held at the end of August. The weather was a bit of a challenge, with extreme heat on Friday, with of course your requisite thunderstorm that accompanies that kind of weather. We lost two of the chapter canopies, but those can be replaced. The important thing is that no one was injured when they went flying. Heart of Illinois chapter lost theirs also, it ending up in the bean field. Saturday brought a constant threat of rain but it all managed to go around us and we stayed dry.

We had good participation in all the bike games and the two bags tourneys, congrats to all the winners! The bikini bike wash was a great success with money raised going to the Bash expenses, thanks girls for the donation. The band on Saturday night was Allnighters, and they rocked the barn that night, a really great performance. And thanks to all the ladies who participated in the wet t contest. A shout out to the CMA for providing coffee and doughnuts on Sunday morning.

In other chapter news, we are having nominations for chapter officers. If you were thinking of stepping up and volunteering for an office, now is the time! We have a very real need for a webmaster. The person in this position would be responsible for the website, keeping it updated and publishing the newsletter. Also we need volunteers for activities and

products, both positions unfilled as of now. Ready to step up? Come out for our next chapter meeting on October 8 at the Mattoon Moose at 1:30.

Have you checked out the state website lately? Go to abate-il.org, for events, renew your membership, or just check when it is due. You can change your address. You can sign up for alerts and other legislative updates. And look for chapter newsletters, see what other ABATE members are up to.

It has been brought to our attention about phone calls from the insurance company that provides the accidental death insurance for our members. From time to time the company will send out cards to our membership asking for their information. These cards are addressed at the state office and the insurance company has no information on our membership unless you return that card. It is totally optional, you have this insurance even if you do not return this card.

Events- October 8 Meeting at the Moose in Mattoon, 1:30

October 21 Board of directors meeting in Springfield 1:00 all members welcome

October 29 Swap meet in Urbana at the fairgrounds, starting at 8 am

November 12 Meeting at the Moose in Mattoon 1:30

February 17 2024 Anniversary party- never to early to start planning!

Joel Wannemacher



Old River Chapter

Hello Members, Neighbors, and Other Friends!

Mark your calendars for a fantastic event coming up on Saturday, October 21st, 2023. It will be at the Shelbyville VFW. It starts at noon and runs until the music ends that night. The event will be celebrating Old River ABATE and features a simulated motorcycle ride that is used for educational and fun purposes. The ride was at a State Seminar a few years back. Come ride it and see how you do. It will put challenges in front of you and you may even learn something if you aren't careful. It is more fun than "beer goggles lawn darts".

At the upcoming meeting of the membership, we will be making final preparations for the event. That meeting is on Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 pm at the Shelbyville VFW. Come bring

your ideas and help us make what may be our last party amazing.

At the time of writing this article, I have two motorcycle awareness drivers education classroom presentations scheduled. Friday, September 15th at St. Anthony High School in Effingham and on Thursday, September 21st at St. Elmo High School.

I look forward to seeing you in October. Some may ride their motorcycles and hopefully we all will talk about riding and enjoy the simulated riding which is open to the public.

Ride when you can!

Brother Darrell



STATELINE RIDERS

Just wanted to say hello and get the State Line Riders caught up for the rest of the year and say Falls almost here so on August 25th and 26th we had the Watseka Family Festival the State Line Riders had a tent set up and I thank the very few that helped!! You all did an awesome job Pork chop Crystal, Kelly and Vance. Our next meeting will be October 7th at the Silo Pub at 1 pm. But at 8 or 9am we will be having fill the saddlebags at the Watseka Breadbasket until 12 noon. So, coming up in November on the 4th our kids Christmas auction will be at the pump in Hoopston Illinois at 5:00 p.m. we will

not be having a meeting this month. If you have something that can be donated or helping, get ready for the Christmas Auction please feel free to help. State Line Riders if there's any SLR members out there that need to get their memberships updated you need to do that as soon as you can and get a hold of Amy our treasurer that's it for now everyone stays blessed and have a great day this is the newsletter coordinator

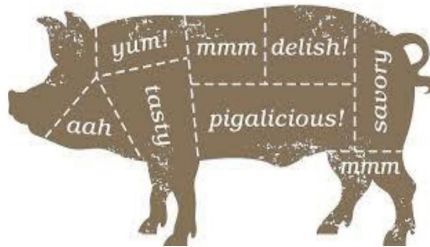
Lisa Ulitzsch



SOUTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS

St Clair County ABATE

Meat Shoot



Hams, pork steaks, and bacon, oh my!

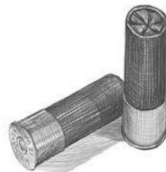


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December 10, 2023 12-5pm

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The September meeting was held at TR's Place in Belleville on the 14th. We had 23 members, and 3 guests present. River Rat brought the meeting to order at 7pm sharp with the Pledge of allegiance and them a moment of silence for our lost brothers and sisters. Presidents Report I talked about how our motorcyclist's rights battles have changed over the years. MRF Chairman, Kirk Willard wrote about it in the September/October American Bikers Journal. Quote: "In the early days I fought bike confiscations, for helmet freedom of choice, against profiling, and things that affected me in real time. Today I fight for our future and heritage in preservation of the internal combustion engine, decent fuel to run them, right to repair and continued access of parts, against end-of-life directives, educating bureaucrats on autonomous vehicles that don't recognize me, and ever onerous regulations clearly intended to eliminate my motorcycle collection." End of quote. That hit home with me as how much things have changed in the thirty years that I have been doing this also. Teresa reported that our chapter is in good financial shape. Our weapons are paid for our Gun Raffle, and we purchased them under budget. Sheila reported we had 131 members and she accepted seven renewals at the meeting with three of them being 5-year renewals. We decided to do two newsletters a year with one in January with all the new officers, meeting dates, and Legislative agenda. The other in September as that is really the start of our chapters busiest time with elections and our raffles that fund our chapter. We will still mail out a monthly post card meeting reminder. During the Legislative Report Katie Main was there from Congressman Bost's office and she spoke of the importance that experience plays in a congressional office. Congressman Bost is being challenged in the primary this coming April. She spoke of all his committees he sits on and chairs and how he has become a very important

figure in Washington DC. Andy spoke of the Tesla debacle and how they have killed a lot more people than is being reported in the media. Autonomous vehicles are experimental, and they are using you and I as guinea pigs. Andy & Rich both talked about Safety & Education classes they are giving in the high schools. They can always use more help. More help means more students reached which in turn hopefully will save more motorcyclist's lives. Alex reported in Activities that we are raffling off a Camo Savage Axis XP 350 Legend and a FN Reflex 9mm. There is a \$400 cash in place of the gun, tickets are ten bucks each or five for forty bucks. First name drawn gets choice of gun or cash and second name drawn gets remaining gun or cash. Winners will be drawn on Sunday December 10th. Our Meat Shoot and Christmas Party is being held at the American Legion Stookey Post 1255 in Belleville on December 10th. Bring a side dish or desert if you want but mark it on your calendar and show up at least for a little bit. Rich & Renie gave the B.O.D. Report then we held officer nominations for 2024 officer positions. We will hold nominations again in October and November with the elections in November also. Our guest Blacey Pasqualone won the Half & Half drawing of \$46 and, member Gerald Weathers name was drawn for the attendance prize, and he was not present, so he lost out on \$120 bucks! Next meeting date is October 12th, TR's Place in Belleville.

Mike Gallagher



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Date September 9th, 2023, MRF Report to ABATE of Illinois

MRF Membership in the state of Illinois stands at 472 members with 124 of them laped and need to renew, Please!! Be it new or a renewal membership application. Please put my name in the "Referred by: blank. Thanks for your support on this.

Lena Lions Fall Festival the Cadillac of Small Town Festivals. September 8 & 9, 2023. A big thank you goes out to:

- Larry Clark
- Roger Larson
- Katie Schneiderman
- Ray Marschang
- Neal Toepfer

All total we put in 24 hours, setting up to tearing down. 2023 we sold 555 tickets for \$2,310.00 a little better.

Friday we sold 140 tickets for \$575.00

Saturday we sold 415 tickets for \$1,735.00

The list of folks that was in attendant.

- Katie Schneiderman
- Ray Marschang
- Karen VanHorn
- Doug VanHorn ("MIA")
- Larry Clark
- Michelle Clark ("MIA")
- Mark "Breeze" Brodrecht ("Already in house at another table")
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The Price of Apathy

by Mark Buckner

Executive Director, Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Member - ABATE of Illinois

As patriotic Americans, we often talk about the price of freedom. We talk about the sacrifices required to protect our rights and about those who came before us, people of integrity who oftentimes gave everything they had in pursuit of an ideal; of a country and a way of life where our children and grandchildren can grow up proud to be Americans, unapologetically embracing a system of government that many other people in the world would love to have. We talk about our service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, and we are thankful to live in a country that allows us to live our lives as we please, to enjoy the freedom provided by our Constitution, to be able to participate in what laws are passed and which ones aren't, and to teach our values to future generations.

In the motorcyclists' rights world, we also talk about guarding against undue government intrusion into our lives and warn against the influence of mainstream media propaganda aimed at tearing down some of our most basic and cherished beliefs. When you get right down to it, that's why the motorcyclists' rights movement exists. It's where we started and why we still fight for our rights at every turn. As past MRF President Karen Bolin once said, "We're in the freedom business."

Now consider the price of apathy, of seeing what's around us, knowing that some of what's happening is wrong, and doing nothing. Doing nothing, of course, is taking the easy way out. In many cases it's the old 'not in my backyard' philosophy of 'If it doesn't affect me directly, why should I worry about it?'

The challenges facing motorcycling today are among the most serious ever, and those challenges are – like it or not - in everyone's backyard. The MRF and our partners in state motorcyclists' rights organizations are fighting for the right to repair our own bikes, without being forced to have services that we could easily manage ourselves be performed by dealerships charging exorbitant rates. We're fighting to protect consumer choice through a strong aftermarket, ensuring that we have access to the vast number of options on parts the aftermarket gives us, parts that are many times better and cheaper than what we'd get from the OEMs. We're fighting to keep unsafe software being used in autonomous, self-driving cars and trucks from being tested on our nation's roadways and killing bikers in the process. We're fighting to keep our ability to buy fuel that won't destroy our engines, as will be the case if gasoline with 15% ethanol becomes our only choice. We're fighting to preserve internal combustion engines, rather than being forced to buy electric vehicles at a time when neither the battery technology nor a sufficient charging infrastructure to support such vehicles is in place. We're fighting to prevent unfair profiling of motorcycle riders. And the list goes on.

So, what price apathy? A riding public that chooses to ignore the threats to motorcycling while sitting idly by, expecting others to do the hard work of protecting our rights and our lifestyle, is arguably the biggest threat we face. Ask yourself: Should we, through our actions, control our own destiny? Forge our own futures? Or should we sit back, foolishly believing that the government knows best how we should run our lives and hoping for the best. There are roughly 8 million registered motorcyclists in America. If even a small percentage of that group were to join with the MRF and our partners in our mission to preserve motorcycling, imagine what we could do. Then imagine what will happen if the vast majority of those 8 million riders choose to do nothing.

Since 1987, there's only been one organization exclusively devoted to protecting the rights and lifestyle of street riding motorcyclists in the halls of Congress, and that's the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. To those of you who are already members of ABATE of Illinois and the MRF, thank you. You've already proven that you're committed to helping protect and preserve motorcycling. That said, we still need your help.

All of us have friends who are not members. **If you're not an MRF member, please help us by joining. If you're already a member, please renew your membership each year, and of equal importance, please sign up one of your friends as a new MRF member.**

The price of apathy is the loss of freedom, an open invitation to tyranny, and – without a strong MRF - could well be the end of motorcycling as we know it.

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



| Date | Chapter Meetings 2023 |
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| 10/11 | Will County |
| 10/12 | Heart of Illinois, Old River, St. Clair |
| 10/13 | |
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| October 21 | E-Board and BOD meetings (nominations) |
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| January 19-21 | Seminar |
| February 17 | E-Board and BOD meeting |
| March 23 March 24 TBD | E-Board meeting Swap Meet Legislative Day |
| April 20 | E-Board and BOD meeting |
| May 4 May 5 | E-Board Freedom Rally |
| June 15 June 20-23 | E-Board and BOD meeting State Party |
| July 20 (tentative) | E-Board Meeting |
| August 17 | E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations) |
| September ?? September 21 | Bike Raffle Drawing E-Board Meeting |
| October 19 TBD | E-board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations) Swap Meet |
| November 16 | E-Board Meeting |
| December 14 December 14 | E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Elections) Christmas Party |

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