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Tesla to Expand Use of Biker Killing Technology in Illinois

ABATE of Illinois Calls on Governor & Legislative Leaders to Convene Working Group

TESLA has announced the expansion of testing their experimental full-service autonomous driving technology on public roadways into 14 additional cities including Elgin, Illinois. They announced new positions for drivers to collect data from the use of their autopilot and full-service driving systems. This technology was the subject of a blockbuster Washington Post Report that revealed TESLA's full-service driving & autopilot driving systems have killed more drivers than previously disclosed. This included four motorcyclists, three of whom were run over at highway speeds by TESLA vehicles using these driving modes.

The specific threat posed to bikers by Tesla vehicles was recently recognized by former NHTSA Senior Safety Advisor Missy Cummings who stated, "It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas". Missy continues to be active in the autonomous vehicle field as a professor at George Mason University's College of Engineering & Computing.

"Despite the documented dangers to motorcyclists and the driving public, Tesla continues to push forward with the irresponsible and hazardous testing of their vehicles on public roadways." Said Bob Ellinger, State Coordinator of ABATE of Illinois. "ABATE of Illinois has been a leader in talking about the dangers of Tesla vehicles in Illinois and nationwide. We will continue to fight against technology on the road that has shown to be fatal to riders."

In addition to being dangerous to bikers and motorists, Tesla autonomous systems are under investigation for 16 different crashes into first responder vehicles including one fatality. The initial investigation was for 10 collisions, and 6 additional collisions were found during that investigation.

"While Congress removed any reference to Autonomous Vehicles in recently passed Highway Bills, there were several bills filed this year to deal with the responsible regulation of these vehicles here in Illinois." According to Josh Witkowski, State Legislative Coordinator & Lobbyist for ABATE of Illinois. "Our lives are not a field test for autonomous vehicles like Tesla, and Illinois must step up to lead in responsible regulation and development of autonomous technology. There was talk of a serious autonomous vehicles working group during session. Now is the time to make that happen."

A recent AAA study found that only 9% of Americans "trust" self driving vehicles and 68% are "afraid" of it. This is an increase in the level of distrust of autonomous vehicles since the AAA started tracking surveys on the issue. ABATE believes that this increased level of distrust is directly due to increased fatalities caused by Tesla's haphazard deployment of testing their dangerous technologies. This increased distrust is harmful to those companies who want to responsibly develop autonomous technology in Illinois.

Therefore, in an effort to protect the motorcyclists of Illinois and encourage responsible development of autonomous technology in Illinois, ABATE of Illinois is calling on the Governor and legislative leaders to convene an Autonomous Vehicle Working Group to develop legislation that will both protect the public and help keep Illinois a leader in developing the next generation of transportation technologies. This group should have representatives from the manufacturing and industry sectors, transportation safety advocates and professionals, and transportation advocacy groups representing all modes of transportation and road users.



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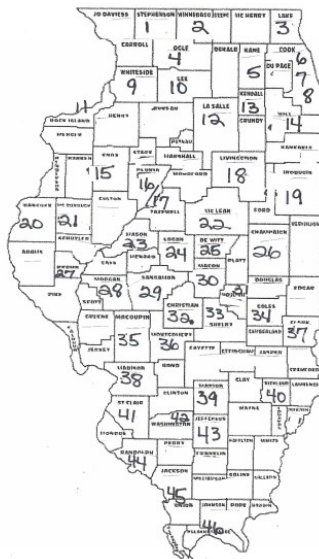
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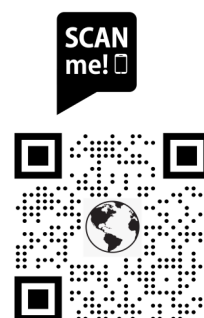
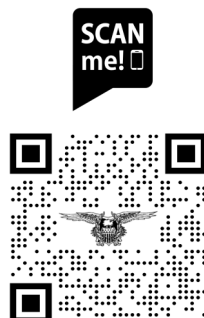
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A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education ensures that the rights and freedoms enjoyed by motorcyclists/ off-roaders/ATV riders in Illinois will not disappear. ABATE believes that freedom of choice is one we can't lose and will work with state and local 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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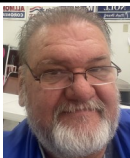
Hi again A.B.A.T.E. ,

As I've been on the road a lot the last few months, I've had the chance to see and talk to many riders. Most are concerned about motorcycle safety and the friends and family that have had close calls this year. Most that I talked to stated that a large number of incidents involving motorcycles has been at intersections and country road with poorly placed stop signs or no stop signs. About even split with motorcycles getting rear ended at intersections. Other reasons were distracted drivers or drivers just in too big of hurry. So, we as riders have to have our heads on a swivel and be prepared for anything. One thing we as riders can help with is every chance you get talk to your family and friends about driving habits and how it affects us riders. Also, we as riders need to do a better job ourselves. While riding in scenic areas I have seen riders trying to take photos while in control of the bike. I have watched bikes fly through traffic at crazy speed. While I believe you have the right to dress like you want, I cringe every time I see a biker in heavy traffic or on an interstate wearing flip flops and shorts. Drivers see this, so sometimes we don't help the cause. So, when you're out there practice defensive riding. More and more roads are under construction than ever before. Traffic is not going to improve. so, add that to what to watch out for. Last but not least, if you are riding in the country, slow down for every intersection. With the crops up, there is no way to see traffic. Ride smart so everyone comes home safe. As always thank you for being a part of A.B.A.T.E.



Assistant State
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Hello everyone! Hope your summer has been a good one! As summer is coming to an end and Fall is lurking, we still have a lot of riding time left. Then Winter and with Winter comes State Seminar this year's State Seminar will be January 19th and 20th in Springfield. make plans now! This year theme "Back to the Basics of Abate". As we move forward, we must never forget our Basics of what has gotten us where we are today. so this year we will be concentrating on working with our Elected officials and the one we support. We will also be doing our regular Breakout sessions. I am putting together a team to help me cover everything that needs to be covered. If you would like to help, please feel free to contact me scooter6520@yahoo.com or call me at 217-620-1707 make you plan to be there. Scooter



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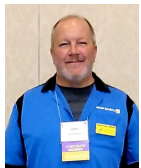
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Safety and Ed
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Hello fellow ABATE riders! I'm glad to hear that you had a great time on the annual Lincoln Land ABATE River Run that Rudedog organized. It was a fun and adventurous ride, especially with the two ferry rides. I'm sure you enjoyed the scenery and the camaraderie of your fellow riders.

August is here and schools are starting up. This is a good opportunity to contact your schools and get your classes scheduled for motorcycle safety education. You can also check out the fall workshops that your BOD REP will have the list of. Contact me for any questions concerning them.

We had 23 Illinois motorcycle fatalities in the past 26 days. Total of 85 - Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities in 2023 to date. That is a tragic and alarming number that we should all be concerned about. Some of these deaths may have been caused by our own mistakes or negligence, while others may have been due to the carelessness or aggression of other drivers. Either way, we need to be more vigilant and cautious on the road. We need to respect ourselves and others and follow the rules of the road. We need to be aware of our surroundings and anticipate potential dangers. We need to be prepared for any emergency and know how to react.

We are not just riders; we are a community. We care for each other and support each other. We share a passion for riding and a love for freedom. We are ABATE of Illinois riders, and we are proud of it. Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility. Let's ride smart and have fun!

Thank you, John "Fireball" Anderson, Safety and Education, Safety@abate-il.org





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Articles due September 9th, 2023 for the October 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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| 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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Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters!

September is here and that means it's turning from summer to fall and along with that comes some beautiful riding weather. Riding where you see the leaves changing colors is beautiful. Just be careful for those leaves on the road. Those are like black ice to motorcyclists, especially if they're wet! I hope that some of you get a chance to ride up to Tomahawk, WI for the Northwoods Fall Ride September 14th – 17th!

This is the time of year when motorists start to forget that we are on the roads in Illinois. Keep those START SEEING MOTORCYCLES banners and yard signs up and in front of them. Be out in your local community letting motorists know that motorcycles are still on the roads in Illinois. We can not get complacent on spreading the message of motorcycle awareness, especially when there is so much riding time left. We all know that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, but these months are especially critical for spreading our messages. We've lost enough brothers and sisters in 2023, and we don't need any more.

Who's ready for the next ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet and Motorcycle Show?! It's happening October 29, 2023 at the Champaign County Fairgrounds in Urbana, Illinois in the Floral Building. There will be a Motorcycle Show sponsored by Twisted Spokes RC with trophies handed out. Not to mention all the vendors and hard to find parts! More info to come but get the date on your calendar now! A lot of hard work is going into this event, so head to <https://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.

- MRF Meeting of the Minds on September 21st – 24th
- 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
- ABATE of Illinois State Seminar on January 19th – 20th 2024

Just a reminder for all chapters that I need help. 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. So far, I have received 8.

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

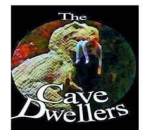
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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

Northeast Region Update 8.12.23

Can you believe summer is almost over? Soon we will be donning our heavier jackets and chaps to ride among cooler temperatures, changing colors and farmers bringing in the harvest. More hazards that you face when riding about. Please be aware of fallen leaves, especially when wet, as you will lose traction when braking and going around corners/curves in the road. Be on the lookout for farm equipment, mud and other debris on the road in rural areas. The last stop on your ride should be when you park safely in your garage.

Thanks to the chapters who have donated a t-shirt to be included in the quilt that will be auctioned off at the Seminar January 2024. The deadline to get me a chapter t-shirt is September 16.

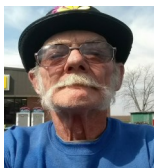
Upcoming events in the Northeast Region include:
August 26, Hooters & Scooters Run, Will County Chapter, Wilmington Moose Lodge, 11 AM.
September 24, NE Region Meeting, the Lucky Monk, South Barrington, 12 PM.
October 8, Toy and Food Run, DuKane Chapter, Knuckleheads, Elburn, 930 AM.



NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: ROBERT RUDELL

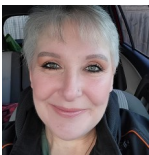


Saturday the 29th of July, the Northwest Region met at VFW in Dixon, IL for our annual Convergence run. With an attendance of 70 members, together we raise \$1,000.00 for Fed Pack Expense. Winning chapter of our traveling trophy of the most members in attendance was Starved Rock with 34. In a close second was Kishwaukee Valley. Also in attendance were members from Black Hawk, Freeport, Twin Rivers and even a few from our neighboring Northeast Region including Rich Gruner the NE Region coordinator. A Big thanks to Starved Rock President for helping sell 50/50 and to all the chapters in attendance that made our event a success!



EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: WILLIAM "HOWDY" MILLS

No Article Submitted

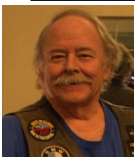


WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: APRIL JONES

No article submitted.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

No article submitted.



SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB STOUT

No Article Submitted

Ask Our Lawyer

By Rod Taylor

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CAN I GET ANY RELIEF UNDER THE LEMON LAW ACT?

Q. I purchased a new 2022 Harley-Davidson CVO Tri Glide last March, I have had nothing but problems with it ever since . It has been in 3-4 Harley-Davidson Dealerships getting worked on for the same problems and they can't figure out what is wrong with it. It has been back in my local Harley-Davidson dealership since July 19th and they have been working with Milwaukee over the phone trying to find out what is wrong, and they still don't know. I have over \$50k in the bike. Does the Lemon Law Act cover this ? Thanks John P. - ABATE of IN Member

A. John, Sorry to say that Indiana does not have a lemon law that applies to motorcycles. My experience is that Harley-Davidson will try its best to make you happy and fix the problem. Harley is reporting it is a wiring harness defect (a wiring harness made overseas). Keep track of your costs as a result of this issue as those costs may be recoverable. Also, confirm every conversation with the Harley rep via email (it doesn't count unless it is in writing) and show a cc to me, that might help. Keep me posted, Rod.

LITIGATION FUNDING, OR HOW DOES AN INJURED BIKER PAY THE MORTGAGE WHILE THEIR CASE IS PENDING?

Everyone knows that waiting on the case to settle can be financially painful. Injured bikers with a strapped budget have a much harder time riding out the storm until a settlement is reached, sometimes causing them to settle for less than their case is worth. Plaintiffs that have sustained injuries and are now disabled may very well need money to live on during the interim period before they receive their settlement. Moreover, an insurance company, or other wealthy litigant, will probably be in no hurry to settle until they reach an agreement more in their favor, regardless of how long that may take. Regretfully, this is where litigation funding tries to justify its existence.

Litigation funding companies may advance a plaintiff money for living expenses, medical care, or for whatever else the money is needed for a stake in the final settlement. This type of lending is non recourse, meaning that in the case the plaintiff loses, they owe nothing to the funding company. The borrower is only liable for repayment from the settlement money they receive. Of course, this is not all bliss, and should only be used as a LAST RESORT. The interest a client will owe on the advancement can be unreasonable.

These companies decide interest rates and the amount they are willing to advance based on the merits of the case. So the

stronger the case, the better deal the injured biker will receive. The longer the case takes to settle, the higher the effective interest rate, which begs the question, "does this really level the playing field?" Well, maybe in a few cases, but probably not in most. With the litigation funding industry still in adolescent stages, it will be a few more years before we can decide whether or not this is a good thing. In some states, the practice of litigation funding may be illegal. In the meantime, here are a few pointers if this is your only option:

- Talk with your attorney and discuss options before making any decisions
- Exhaust all other means of financing first, as this should be a last resort

LET'S GO FOR A RIDE AND VISIT SANTA ANNA'S LEG IN SPRINGFIELD - HE ACCIDENTLY INVENTED CHEWING GUM AND THE CUBS

That's right. Santa Anna's leg rests in the Illinois Military Museum in Springfield Illinois. For this ride I am traveling from the East and taking US 36, going past Ernie Pyle's house (the famous WW2) Stars and Stripes news reporter and the world's largest soybean elevator in Decatur.

The end of the trip will be Springfield where I will pay a visit to the artificial leg of Generalissimo Santa Anna. Remember he is the guy that killed Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie and William Travis? After killing Davy C and the boys, Gen. Sam Houston chased Santa Anna to Jacinto. While fleeing he left behind his artificial leg, a chicken dinner and 18k in cash. Some boys from the Illinois 8th Cavalry requisitioned the leg, the cash and ate the chicken. Don't know what happened to the cash (if they were from my home county - Wayne - I can guess - big party), but the leg wound up in the Illinois Military Museum in Springfield. Here is what happened to Santa Anna. Sam Houston and the boys "Remembered the Alamo" - took him prisoner and that is the end of the story - right?

Not so fast. I always wondered what happened to the Generalissimo. Was he killed, captured, imprisoned or what? Guess what? Sam Houston spared his life and then Santa Anna wound up in Long Island New York.

He brought with him chicle which is dried sap from the Sapodilla tree in Mexico. He chewed it to calm his nerves - probably when wondering what Gen. Houston was going to do with him. Did he really invent chewing gum - chiclets? The story goes that an inventor watched Santa Anna chewing the stuff and thought it would be a good rubber substitute. It didn't work. Santa Anna skipped town and left the inventor with the chicle storage bills.

Trying to make something out of nothing, the inventor took the stuff to a druggist who made chewable balls. Then he flavored the stuff with sassafras, licorice (called Black Jack) and the rest is history. After I learned the above, I wondered if Sam Houston had executed Santa, would Wrigley have gone into the gum business and most importantly would he have had enough

money to have bought the Cubs? Seems that a real Cub fan would have a picture of the Generalissimo on his wall. Amazing what you can learn on a ride.

CAN MY EMPLOYER DO THAT? BIKE SHOP BLUES.

Q. I'm a mechanic in a local bike shop, and my employer recently told me I need to sign an agreement that I won't work for another shop within a ten mile radius if I leave my current job. I don't think that's fair. There are a number of bike shops around here, and almost all of them are within ten miles from my current employer. Can they really enforce that agreement against me?

A. Probably. What they have asked you to sign is called a non-compete agreement. It used to be that non-compete agreements were used only with managers or sales personnel. However, they are becoming more common with service personnel who develop relationships with customers and entice customers to follow them if they move to a new employer. Even though non-compete agreements are not favored by the law, if they follow the rules, those agreements are generally enforceable, provided the employer can show a reasonable belief that a departing employee could create unfair competition. However, non-compete agreements have to be reasonable in their restrictions. They can restrict a person from working in the same field, but only for a reasonable time period or within a reasonable distance from the employer's service area.

If your employer makes it a condition of your employment you may have no choice but to sign the agreement if you want to keep working there. If you sign the agreement and leave the job later, the employer can ask a court to prevent you from working for a competitor. If the court finds that the agreement contains reasonable restrictions, and doesn't unfairly limit your rights to find a new job, the court could enter an order preventing you from working for the competitor and assess damages against you.

Ride Safe.

Rod Taylor

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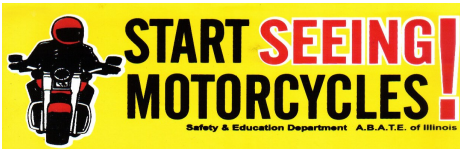


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2ND PRIZE PURCHASED AT NIEHAUS CYCLE SALES, LITCHFIELD, IL.

3RD PRIZE DONATED BY SHAWNEE HILLS ABATE CHAPTER

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

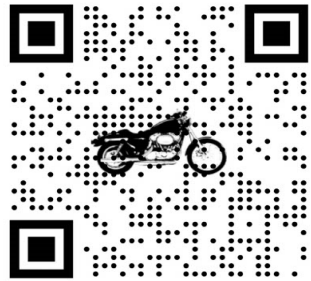
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Grand Prize purchased at
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NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Freeport
Chapter

And just like that summer is almost gone. Moving on onto Autumn we still have a lot of good riding weather left.

The Chapter held its Bark at the Moon ride on July 22. We had 18 riders and beautiful weather. Thanks to Doug Van Horn for the great route. You always take us (or me at least) to places I've never been before. 1st place – Turk Nichols, 2nd place – Judy Carroll, 3rd place – Brian Wing. Thanks again to Doug for Setting this run up, and to everyone who went on the ride. We also had a few riders go on the NW Region Convergence run on July 29th.

August was a very busy month. Along with Sturgis being the first week of August we had the DAV Ride on the 6th, Freeport Cruise Night on the 12th, our group ride to Anamosa, Iowa to the National Motorcycle Museum on the 19th, and Our Family Picnic on the 20th. I will have some updates on these rides next month since I'm writing this article the beginning of August. I hope everyone had the opportunity to ride on some of these rides.

September starts out with the Springfield Mile Races in Springfield, Illinois. ABATE of Illinois will be drawing for the Bikes on Sunday September 3rd. Good Luck to all who bought tickets. Check the State Website for the winners, or I'm sure Cleaver will have them on our Chapter website. September 9th is a

Burger Run to the Bottle Shed in Stockton, Illinois. It starts at 6PM. On September 17 we will have our last outdoor meeting for 2023. In October we will move back inside to the Eagles Club. On September 23 will be our Search for the Nuts ride. This will be our last organized ride of the year.

We will be drawing the cards for the Mann-iac Ride at our October meeting on the 15th so don't forget to bring your books with you to the meeting.

October also brings nominations for officers for 2024. I hope some new people will step up to help the Chapter. I have heard we will be looking for a new webmaster. If you have some computer skills, we sure could use you. The website is all set up and running, it just needs to be updated periodically so not much time is needed to do the job.

With fall comes the farmers in the fields, so please watch for mud and junk on the roadways, along with tractors and other farm machinery. Leaves on the road can also be slick as snot. Just use caution when riding.



Open
Roads
Chapter

OPEN ROADS ABATE

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. Hope you have been doing your share of riding despite unpredictable weather this past month.

Membership - Congrats to our members renewing their dues and to new members Rick and Jennifer Trevino, Doug Clevenger, Mike Fagan, Rosan Acosta (transfer member), and Micah Benuska. Benefits with your ABATE membership includes patches, legislative updates, \$3000 insurance policy, and a legal will (value \$400) created by our Legal Team.

A shoutout to our **president Cliff Oleson** on his consistency of keeping everything in order. He is involved in all chapter activities and stays on top of any updates. Thank you, Cliff, for keeping our members updated and leading our chapter to achieving our goals.

Summer Book 2023 – 1 month left to visit the stops and get into the cash drawing on October 7. How many stops do you have to get yet? Some people already have all the stops stamped. There is a special prize for those who get all 62 stamps. Many thanks to everyone who bought our books.

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. State Party – Cliff Oleson, Patti and Kevin Smith met at Star 34 in Sandwich for breakfast in Sandwich and rode to County Fairgrounds near Petersburg, IL on June 24. They had a great time, seeing old friends, making

new friends, and enjoyed watching the bike games.

Dinner Ride to Lee's Place in Sandwich on June 28 was a fun time and good food for the 12 people who went. Thanks to road captain, Diana, for a nice ride to Lee's Place. After dinner was ice cream at The Ice Cream Place in Yorkville.

Parked cars and Directed Traffic for City of Plano and Plano Police Department at City of Plano Fireworks event on June 30 at Plano High School. Always a good thing to work with some of a city's finest. Thank you to Bruce Littlebrant, Frank Lorang, Bob Mauer, Bill Kolb, and Cliff Oleson.

Vietnam Moving Wall – Members from Open Roads assisted the motorcycle escort of the Vietnam Moving Wall on June 30 in Manhattan. Sam Mataya, Fred Chaffer, and Cliff Oleson helped display the wall. Very moving event.

Summer Book Ride, July 15 – 9 members rode to Hampton, Geneseo, Arlington, East Moline (yum ice cream), and Mendota for this all day ride. Thank you, Diana, for organizing this ride.

Dinner Ride to Honest Abe's in Morris on July 19 coordinated by Diana. 13 members enjoyed the ride to Morris and supper.

July Car Shows – July was a very busy month for us as we set up our promotion booth to promote ABATE and sell bike raffle tickets at 6 car shows in our area. The schedule of car shows was: **July 1** in downtown Sandwich; **July 4** in Sheridan; **July 9**

at Last Chance Saloon in Millington; **July 16** at Plano Legion; **July 29** at Sandwich Fairground for Show Down Event; **July 30** at Turn Back Time in Sycamore. Signed 5 new members, two members won bike show awards (Doug Clevenger and Sam Mataya), handed out ABATE information and freebies, and sold some bike raffle tickets.

Assist Low Lyfz in Bike Rodeo – Motorcycle Club Low Lyfz requested our help with their Bike Rodeo on July 22. Several members supported their event by coordinating the games – slow ride, keg push, weenie bite, and bag toss. They had a great turnout and we were happy to support this event.

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 Beaver Den – Sunday, August 13, meet at Plano Legion, KSU 12:15 pm to ride to Paw Paw.

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.

Next Meeting – Our August meeting will be on Saturday, August 26, 3 pm, at Patti & Kevin Smith’s home. This is a picnic meeting and families/friends are more than welcome to come. Come for updates, events, nominations of officers, food, fellowship, and more.

Rookie Run – Sunday, August 27, sponsored by The Friendly Tap in Plano, register 9 to 10:30 am, KSU 10:30 am, \$20 rider/\$20 passenger, dinner included, ride begins and ends at The Friendly Tap, raffles.

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.

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.

Upcoming events include Progressive Dinner in September, Chapter Calendar, Toy Runs, Feed My Starving Children, nominations and 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 helped park cars at the City of Plano Fireworks display on June 30. Pictured are Frank Lorang, Plano Police Lieutenant Norm Allison, Bob Lawrence (American Legion Riders from Sandwich), Bob Mauer, Bill Kolb, Bruce Littlebrant, and Cliff Oleson.



Open Roads ABATE Membership Coordinator, Bill Kolb, with new members Mike Fagan and Rosan Acosta.

Open Roads ABATE President, Cliff Oleson (left), and Activities Coordinator, Kevin Smith (right), with new member Doug Clevenger.



Sold bike raffle tickets and gave away ABATE information at The Elevator in Sheridan on July 4. Kevin Smith, Cliff Oleson, Patti Smith, Frank Lorang, and Sam Mataya manning the booth.



**Starved
Rock
Chapter**

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

Starved Rock Chapter would like to

welcome new members Christopher and Tiffany Elias from Streator.

If anyone has a suggestion for a place to host a meeting for our chapter, please bring it up at a meeting during new business. We try to support member businesses. It isn't always possible to have a meeting at some places but we can put them on a list for a possible stop or to have a group ride after a meeting. Have the contact information available and give it to the activities officer. The activities officer will contact the owner/member and see if it would be appropriate to use the business as a meeting place.

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

The NW REGION CONVERGENCE RUN was Saturday July 29th. The group met at Mike's Brownstone Pizza at noon. Mike's is owned by Starved Rock ABATE member Mike Guare. Many people go to Mike's Brownstone Pizza for his authentic pizzas! Thanks to Mike and Victoria for waiting on the group as well as cooking for many before the run began. The group left at 1 PM and went to Sublette Saloon, then to The Last Alarm in Amboy. Thanks to Barb, owner of the Last Alarm, for making a generous contribution to our chapter! The final destination was the VFW in Dixon. Our Chapter had 34 on the run! That was enough to win the traveling trophy for another year! Thanks to NW Region Coordinator Robert Ruddell for organizing this fundraiser for Fed PAC!

We had our meeting Sunday Aug 6th at the Kangley Inn in Kangley. There were 35 members and 2 guests present. Members winning door prizes were Roy Dittle and Peggy Mills. Jody was the winner of the guest door prize. Membership drawing was won by Jim Jarigese. Jim donated \$42.00 to the Chapter. Thanks Jim! Products Officer Tom Brown wants orders for clothing as soon as possible so he can place a fall order. Legislative officer Kevin Bramel told us driverless vehicles will be on the road soon in the Elgin area. BEWARE OF TESLAS ON THE ROAD! THEY DO NOT RECOGNIZE MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLES, OR PEDESTRIANS! Thanks to The Kangley Inn for hosting the meeting! 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!

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

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

1. Some of the members from Starved Rock Chapter at the NW Region Convergence Run 2023
2. Marci Hebert Activities Officer Signup Helpers: Rebecca, Fiona, and Cadence at Mike's Brownstone Pizza for the NW Region Convergence Run 2023





NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS

Northern Illinois Chapter

The most recent Northern Illinois chapter meeting was held on Saturday July 29th where we discussed the New York Times article on autonomous vehicles and crashes that have occurred locally. A significant jump in motorcyclist fatalities has all of us concerned with many being single vehicle crashes. We need to get more riders trained and ride responsibly. Hopefully a solution comes from the legislature on an entity to run safety classes in the northern half of the state.

The Northern Illinois chapter has been busy attending numerous events this past month.

- Jim J. and Jack M. met Adam Sandoval on his ride across America, presented a chapter t-shirt and discussed ABATE.
- Dennis M. and Dale S. were at Uke's Harley Davidson promoting ABATE during the 120th Anniversary celebration.
- At the June Walneck Swap meet we sold bike raffle tickets and welcomed back to our chapter Derrick R. who is also with the Christian Motorcyclist Association.
- Sean H., Neil J. and Rich G. rode in the Veteran's Path to Hope Ride.
- State Rep. Tom Weber held a fundraiser that was attended by Neil J. Gloria S., Mike R. and Rich.
- State Sen. Marty McLaughlin held a fundraiser that was attended by Rich and Diane G.
- State Rep. Nabeela Syed held a fundraiser that was attended by Kevin and Tonya Stirrat and Rich and Diane G.

After the meeting members assembled and erected our EZ Up that will be used at events going forward. This will be a nice PR tool.

Our next meeting will be held at Doyle's Pub on Saturday August 26th at 11 AM. Come join us!

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.



GREETINGS AND COMPUTATIONS,

Yes, you read that right! As we take our monthly count of members, we continually see the number drop. This is not just pertaining to our chapter or the organization but to many others as well. Whether we want to see it or not, the tide is changing. Young riders have their own agenda. They have been taught to embrace technology. Their heads are buried in their phones and laptops. They do not see a cause to fight for. Many of them do not ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles. As such I have talked to members whose mindset is to shun these riders of non-Harley-Davidson bikes. The future of A.B.A.T.E. is to the younger generation. We should seek out where THEY gather. Engage them in conversation.

Remember this is not a club, even though we promote club type activities to raise money for our cause while at the same time having a fun time doing it. That is why we started riding in the first place, because it was fun and to have an enjoyable time. Only after some time in the saddle did we see the bigger picture. The threat to our legal right to share the road

unincumbered by special laws only pertaining to motorcycles. If a person wants to be surrounded by H-D or only cruiser-type riders, then by all means do so. But please, stay involved in A.B.A.T.E. even if it involves just paying your dues to be a member. You are important. You do make a difference by being a part of this community.

Thanks for reading my rant.

Nick Savas

Public Relations

Chapter Membership meeting is on...

Thursday, Sept 21, at 7:00p.m.

SHARP

South Suburban A.B.A.T.E.

NOMINATIONS!

American Legion Post #1160





Hello from DuKane ABATE!

September is here and we can't wait for the beautiful fall riding weather. I know some of our members are heading up to Tomahawk, WI for the Northwoods Fall Ride on September 14th – 17th. Hopefully we'll see a lot of you there!

August was another busy month for the DuKane Chapter. Work is already underway for the legendary 37th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run happening October 8th, we had a great attendance at the Monthly Membership Meeting on August 15th, we had a blast at the 21st Annual Fugarwe Tribe MC Pig and Corn Roast at the Sycamore Speedway, we attended the 31st Annual Chicagoland Vintage & Antique Motorcycle Show at Motor Cycle Center in Villa Park, and we took part in the Elburn Days festivities by participating in the Elburn Days Parade. It was a great month with plenty of new members joining our ranks. We welcome all new and renewing members and we're glad to have them on board fighting for the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane County!

Speaking of the 37th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run, ARE YOU READY?! This legendary ride is happening October 8th and it's all about helping children in need. Secretary Amy Nelson has already been hard at work getting out and getting sponsors for the event. Events Officer Chris Newman and the DuKane BOD have been working on the event and entertainment for this year. The event kicks 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, State Representative Barbara Hernandez, State Representative Jennifer Sanalitra, 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!

DuKane ABATE is still hard at work putting a plan together to deal with the bomb that was dropped on us that Tesla would be running their driverless robot cars in our area to collect data. President Chris Hansen and Independent Representative Horsepower have been working together on checking on that area to see what we can do to make sure our voices are heard. Like we discussed at the last Monthly Membership Meeting, when we talk about getting loud it's now that time. We will NOT be field test dummies for Telsa and their driverless cars that are killing motorcyclists!

Make sure to join us on September 19th 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.

Get October 8th on your calendars and join us to help children in needs for the upcoming Christmas season!

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen





Chicago Chapter

It's so sad to think that Summer is winding down & Fall will be here sooner than

you know it. Fall riding is the best time to ride in my opinion. You get to see the fall colors, enjoy a nice ride where you can wear full gear like a leather jacket, jeans & chaps & still be comfortable. Our state has some very nice roads to enjoy.

On June 4th Chicago ABATE hosted the Northeast Regional meeting @ the River Park Moose Lodge located in River Grove, IL. We had plenty of snacks & drinks for those that attended. Sadly the attendance was not that great. I hope that in the future if we were to host this again that the chapters respond by attending. A lot of work went into securing a location for the meeting & getting the food for attendees to enjoy.

On June 24th Chicago ABATE hosted our 36th Annual Spring Fling. The event was held at the famous Chet's Melody Lounge in Justice, IL. A great time was had by all who attended. Widows Sons Chapter One won the largest chapter in attendance award.

If you find yourself in the city of Chicago on the 3rd Weds of the month, why not come check us out our stated meeting!

State Newsletter Coordinator

Joy Lugo

Check out our website chicagoabate.com



Will County Chapter

Thanks to everyone who attended our summer meetings and a big welcome to all our new members! A HUGE thanks to everyone that attended the 20th annual Hooters and Scooters run, we hope everyone had a great time. The 2023 Book Run event will be wrapping up for the season, so finish getting those stamps! 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- more details to come. As we approach the December 2023 board member elections, be sure to get your nominations in at the October and/or November meetings.

Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events-

September 13th , 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

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!

Amanda

EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty
Chapter

Hello Liberty and Friends! Welcome to Fall, or at least we are getting close!

We still have a lot of good weather to ride in, so let us get out there and take advantage of the good weather while you can. This is the time of year when those giant harvesters will be on our roads and highways, so be extra cautious, and always assume they do not see you. Another hazard that increases this time of year are the movement of deer, they are rather erratic and can do a lot of damage to you and your ride. So please slow down and be on the lookout.

Did you make it to the Backwoods Biker Bash? As this is being written we are still two weeks out. The crystal ball sees a great turnout with great weather. Hopefully the damn thing is right. Will have a complete report in next months issue.

Recently we have had some members reporting that they have not been receiving the mailed items, such as the quarterly newsletters that come from the state ABATE. We have made it extremely easy to check on your address and membership status by registering at abate-il.org. Through the website you can renew your membership, change your address, and see

all the latest events taking place throughout the state. You can easily access information on what ABATE is all about, so you can show potential new members the benefits of joining.

Our next monthly meeting will be at the Mattoon Moose, Sunday September 10 at 1:30. Come on out and share your thoughts and make your voices heard on upcoming events.

Looking ahead we have our October Board of Directors meeting on October 21 in Springfield at the Route 66 Hotel. It starts at 1:00 pm and is open to all members in good standing. If you have never attended a meeting, it is a good way to meet members from all over the state and see how the state ABATE is run. We will also be having nominations for the state executive board, if you are interested in volunteering for any state office.

Stay safe, Ride often, Ride FREE!

Joel Wannemacher



Old
River
Chapter

Hello members, neighbors, and other friends!

Summer is blowing by, so we should have comfortable riding weather for a while. Now that it has cooled, enjoy the wind whenever you can. But beware, school is back in session, so we do need to watch for students and the traffic associated. We also need to watch out for the farmers equipment and messes on the roadways.

Please remember that our chapter meetings are now on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 at the Shelbyville VFW. Go ahead and mark your calendars for Thursday, September 14th. We need your brainstorming skills as we prepare for a very special day of motorcycling safety and education and a party that will take place on Saturday, October 21st. Your chapter is bringing a motorcycle simulator to this event. Come to this event, bring a few friends and family members, and demonstrate your motorcycling skills and knowledge on this amazing tool. While you are here, thank Ron for bringing the equipment all the way from Iowa!

As for our chapter, life has changed for some of our officers, and they will not be able to continue to perform their duties for the next year for various reasons. Please consider volunteering and helping the cause. Please think about others that might be a good fit, whether they are old or young, and mention the need to them. The current officers and reps would love to talk with them and show them the ropes to help the motorcycling community in the future.

Once again, your current officers and reps for the rest of 2023 are:

President- Larry (Hawkeye) Lieb - 217-774-5583

Vice President - Ed Storm - 217-460-1155

Treasurer - Kim Wiley - 217-820-5900

Secretary - Lisa Best - 217-774-7809

Membership - Sheila Cutler - 217-246-5551

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Legislative Rep - Darrell Best - 217-774-7809

Safety-n-Ed Rep - Darrell Best - 217-774-7809

Products - Rick Wiley - 217-820-5900

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Board Rep - Larry Lieb & Rick Wiley

Feel free to contact your chapter officers and reps to share your ideas. Even better yet, come to our monthly meeting of the membership. They are held at the Shelby County VFW Post 4829, 513 South Cedar Street. Until we come up with something better, the meetings start at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. So, the next meeting is on Thursday, September 14th. Mark your calendar and come on out to the "W". We will probably discuss the "Simulator" day, the party, and Old River's future. The chapter can use your help; what would you like to do with Old River in the future? We have been fighting for motorcyclist's rights for 36 years and would hate to see that history come to an end.

Thanks for reading my blurb. If you have questions, ideas, or whatever, feel free to contact me, or any of your officers and reps. I am easy to reach at darrell@bestweddingchapel.com or 217-774-7809.

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Bro Darrell



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WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



**Lincoln
Land
Chapter**

Lincoln Land ABATE and all other chapters. We are hearing of staggering amounts of crashes and fatalities so far this year. We even invited a member of the Springfield Police Department to come speak to us about how we can curb or even prevent these crashes in the future. It seems we are doing it to ourselves just as much as they are doing it to us. Its time we change the “START SEEING MOTORCYCLES” slogan. People see it, but it’s not as effective as it used to be. I am going to ask for time to speak in front of the BOD in October to discuss my views as a 23+ year member of the organization. I’m not making any claims to be the best membership coordinator nor do I have all the answers to how we can curb or stop crashes.

The consensus from our local Police Department is “WE” as motorcyclists are going to have to go back to the basics of paying more attention to our surroundings as well as prepare to drive more defensively than ever. We also need to make sure our heads are 100% in the game when we straddle the saddle. These days drivers are not thinking motorcycles once behind the wheel. They are more interested in Work, Super, What to get at the store, When do they need to get their child to their baseball or soccer game. Also in the Springfield area our traffic lights are horribly timed if at all. Very frustrating to be sitting at a red light seeing the next block is currently green, knowing it will turn red before you get to the next light.

Unfortunately, drivers are sick and tired of sitting at traffic lights all too many times. This has force a very dangerous situation where drivers are running red lights saying to themselves “I’ll be damned if I sit at yet another red light right now. I drove across Springfield from West to East and from South to North the other day. In a matter of approximately 85 blocks, (8 DRIVERS) yes 8 drivers ran red lights. That close to an average of just shy of 1 every 10 blocks. ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE for ANY reason.

So many times the community and our own members tend to believe it’s the cagers that are crashing into us. Let the blame lie where it needs to, A good portion of the time lately its been all drivers. If you see an impending situation of being squeezed off the road, Give that space to them. It’s not worth a crash to stand your ground. Learn to live another day. Don’t let pride stand in your way as that’s my space and get hit. My plan for the future is to bring attention to us putting a more personal touch to some signage. Maybe even go as far as to create one that says.

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From ABATE of Illinois, August 1 st , 2023

MRF Membership in Illinois stands at 469 with 122 of them lapsed. I would like to see all 122 of you back on the MRF Team!!

Some upcoming events that I'll be setting up my MRF information table and membership drive.

1. DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Toy & Food Run Sunday, October 8, 2023, 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM Start: Knuckleheads Tavern, 108 E North St, Elburn, Illinois 60119 End: Sycamore Speedway, 50W086 IL-64, Maple

Park, IL 60151 \$20 per person, plus an unwrapped new toy and nonperishable food donation. DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Toy & Food Run dukaneabateil.org/events/tfr/

2. ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet Sunday October 29th, 2023 Champaign County Fairgrounds 1302 N Coler Ave – Urbana IL. ("Floral Building")

Dennis "Cleaver" Yeager Illinois MRF State Representative
14459 W. West Grove Rd.
Forreston, IL. 61030
815-238-6262 Cleaver1957@gmail.com

Will the Feds Ever Act on Autonomous Vehicles?

In 2017 and 2018, the House and Senate both attempted to pass legislation regarding the development and testing of autonomous vehicles (AVs). Those efforts failed to produce legislation, leaving the Department of Transportation and manufacturers to develop their own guidelines.

For 6 years Congress has failed to act... we hope things are changing! Last week, the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing on this new technology. The hearing was titled: "Self-Driving Vehicle Legislative Framework: Enhancing Safety, Improving Lives and Mobility, and Beating China."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has long advocated for motorcyclists to be included in any legislation on this topic. We've worked with our champions on Capitol Hill to stress how important it is for self-driving cars to have the ability to read, react and respond to motorcyclists on the road.

During the hearing, House Motorcycle Caucus Co-Chair, Representative Tim Walberg made a point of mentioning what he has heard from us.

"Many in the motorcycle community are concerned that the technology is able to detect and protect motorcyclists on the road. We are very different from pedestri-

ans and bicyclists because we are in and amongst traffic. It is a concern and I hope that we continue to address it."

As we know, no one is looking out for bikers, except bikers. Representative Walberg is a biker, so he gets it! Let's keep fighting, educating, and making our priorities known. If we don't do it, who will?

In just two months, members of the MRF will establish our legislative agenda for next year, at the Meeting of the Minds in Harrisburg, PA. If you're curious what we want in the self-driving car space, here's what we approved at the 2022 meeting.

2023 MRF Legislative Agenda - Critical Priority:

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

- ☑ Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.
- ☑ Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- ☑ Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.
- ☑ Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.
- ☑ Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.
- ☑ Require that all AV manufacturers must publicly report crash data share incidents between AVs and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.
- ☑ Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as it relates to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- ☑ Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- ☑ Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.

☑ Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for DSRC vehicle to vehicle communications.

☑ Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology (V2X).

If you want to be involved, come to Harrisburg September 21st through 24th and have your voice heard! Click here to register.

MRF Mission Statement

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 August, 19th, 2023, MRF Report to ABATE of Illinois

MRF Membership in the state of Illinois stands at 469 members with 122 of them lapsed 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.

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Tampering with Traffic Control Signs update:

Illinois Vehicles Code. (625 ILCS 5/) 5/11-208.6 to 5/11-301.

A person saw to it that using our start seeing motorcycle bumper stickers was the best way to get the word out, about seeing motorcycles. He got his picture taken so many times that enough was enough? ("But he said it wasn't him in the pictures.") Fines were issued and his motorcycle was taken away because it was used in a crime, and the fines were not paid in a timely manner. So far from what I have been told, to get his motorcycle back \$1,550.00, seeing a bumper sticker put on sign by dash cam, \$750.00 Illinois State Police. These two have been paid, but the day he stopped at the Hospital for some kind of appointment he parked in a no parking zone. \$500.00 fine. ("Not paid at this time.") This person is not an ABATE member, but was at one time. This person is telling us that the only way to get the word out about ABATE and start seeing motorcycles is to put bumper stickers on traffic control signs. This has been an ongoing issue for 15 years with this person. Many a person have told him to stop doing this please. This year the City, County, and State Police got invalid with this issue. So now that the hammer has come down hard, but he has yet to see the light of his wrong ways. I'm sure that there will be more to this story in the days to come. Stay tuned to this channel, for more stupid human tricks that don't sink into their mistakes. I'm told that more bumper stickers are showing up on Traffic Control Signs in the last few days with the state of Pennsylvania ABATE being used, not Illinois??



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| 9/04 | |
| 9/05 | Freedom Riders |
| 9/06 | Richland County |
| 9/07 | Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County |
| 9/08 | Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE |
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| 9/10 | Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Liberty, Windy City, |
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| 9/12 | Midstate |
| 9/13 | Will County |
| 9/14 | Heart of Illinois, Old River, St. Clair |
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| 9/16 | Black Diamond |
| 9/17 | Freeport, Prairieland |
| 9/18 | Tri County |
| 9/19 | DuKane, Lincoln Land |
| 9/20 | Chicago |
| 9/21 | Shawnee Hills South Suburban |
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| 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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| BACKROADS CHAPTER | 410 W CHESTNUT | BALDWIN | IL | 62217 | 618-443-7428 | BRAD | 3/1990 | 1/1/2023 | SW | |
| 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 | |
| CENTRAL IL CHAPTER | PO BOX 1084 | GALESBURG | IL | 61402-1084 | 309-368-4622 | BOB | 7/1985 | 1/1/2023 | WC | |
| CHICAGO CHAPTER | PO BOX 410594 | CHICAGO | IL | 60641 | 708-280-6053 | PAT | 1/1986 | 1/10/2023 | NE | 22 |
| CRAWFORD COUNTY CHAPTER | 4437 N 1500TH ST | FLAT ROCK | IL | 62427 | 618-804-9168 | ROY | 1/1987 | 1/1/2023 | SE | |
| DUKANE CHAPTER | PO BOX 188 | W CHICAGO | IL | 60186-0188 | 630-618-7551 | CHRIS | 1/1987 | 1/1/2023 | NE | 21 |
| EASTERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER | PO BOX 6132 | CHAMPAIGN | IL | 61826-6132 | 217-898-7414 | CHUCK | 12/1986 | 12/30/2022 | EC | 25 |
| EMBARRAS VALLEY CHAPTER | 303 N LOCUST | ARCOLA | IL | 61910 | 217-480-5212 | SHARILYN | 2/2000 | 1/15/2021 | EC | |
| FREEBIRD CHAPTER | PO BOX 278 | MANITO | IL | 61546-0278 | 309-840-1616 | JIM | 11/1993 | 1/1/2023 | WC | |
| FREEDOM RIDERS CHAPTER | 1241 S COLLEGE | SALEM | IL | 62881 | 618-548-5695 | CLIFFORD (DOG) | 1/1987 | 1/5/2021 | SE | |
| FREEDOM VALLEY CHAPTER | PO BOX 6563 | PEORIA | IL | 61601 | 309-678-0554 | BRUCE | 10/2001 | 1/31/2022 | WC | |
| FREEPORT CHAPTER | PO BOX 205 | FREEPORT | IL | 61032-0205 | 815-543-0281 | DAN | 3/1986 | 1/1/2023 | NW | 17 |
| HEART OF ILLINOIS CHAPTER | PO BOX 525 | MACKINAW | IL | 61571-0525 | 309-696-0450 | SONYA | 6/1986 | 1/12/2023 | EC | |
| KASKASKIA VALLEY CHAPTER | 215 E NOLEMAN | CENTRALIA | IL | 62801 | 618-292-3005 | TROY | 4/2006 | 1/1/2022 | SW | |
| KISHWAUKEE VALLEY CHAPTER | PO BOX 2783 | LOVES PARK | IL | 61132 | 815-721-7728 | LIZ | 8/1989 | 1/1/2023 | NW | |
| LAMOINE VALLEY CHAPTER | PO BOX 512 | DALLAS CITY | IL | 62330-0512 | 319-759-2459 | JOE | 6/1988 | 1/1/2021 | WC | |
| LIBERTY CHAPTER | PO BOX 1502 | MATTOON | IL | 61938 | 217-232-8467 | HENRY | 2/1987 | 1/1/2023 | EC | 23 |
| LINCOLN LAND CHAPTER | PO BOX 5774 | SPRINGFIELD | IL | 62705-5774 | 217-622-9275 | DWAYNE (RUDEDOG) | 10/1986 | 1/1/2023 | WC | 25 |
| MID-STATE CHAPTER | PO BOX 531 | TAYLORVILLE | IL | 62568-0531 | 217-561-6138 | GREG | 3/1993 | 1/20/2023 | EC | |
| NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER | PO BOX 496 | LAKE VILLA | IL | 60046-0496 | 847-533-8349 | RICH | 10/1986 | 1/1/2023 | NE | 21 |
| OLD RIVER CHAPTER | PO BOX 182 | SHELBYVILLE | IL | 62565-0182 | 217-774-5883 | LARRY | 2/1987 | 1/20/2023 | EC | 23 |
| OPEN ROADS CHAPTER | PO BOX 428 | SANDWICH | IL | 60548-0428 | 630-552-3828 | CLIFF | 1/1992 | 1/1/2023 | NW | 17-18 |
| PATHFINDERS CHAPTER | PO BOX 92 | MT STERLING | IL | 62353-0092 | 217-257-6818 | BILL | 2/2008 | 3/1/2019 | WC | |
| PEO-TAZ CHAPTER | PO BOX 5936 | PEORIA | IL | 61601-5936 | 309-989-2225 | DAVE | 10/1986 | 1/20/2023 | WC | |
| PIASA-GATEWAY CHAPTER | PO BOX 363 | E ALTON | IL | 62024-0363 | 618-696-2273 | MELONY | 10/1986 | 1/1/2023 | SW | |
| PRAIRIELAND CHAPTER | 1901 RAILROAD AVE | DECATUR | IL | 62526 | 217-521-9547 | JEREMY | 4/1987 | 1/1/2023 | EC | |
| RICHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER | PO BOX 121 | OLNEY | IL | 62450-0121 | 618-837-0561 | TONY | 4/2012 | 1/1/2021 | SE | |
| SALT CREEK CHAPTER | 720 N KANKAKEE | LINCOLN | IL | 62656 | 309-825-7363 | GERALD | 1/1993 | 1/20/2023 | EC | |
| SHAWNEE HILLS CHAPTER | 339 BASSETT RD | ELIZABETH-TOWN | IL | 62931 | 573-587-2375 | STEVE | 4/1993 | 2/1/2022 | SE | |
| SHOAL CREEK CHAPTER | PO BOX 254 | IRVING | IL | 62051-0254 | 618-292-5505 | CHRISTY | 4/1987 | 1/1/2022 | SW | |
| SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAPTER | PO BOX 281 | CHICAGO RIDGE | IL | 60415-0281 | 708-516-6591 | DAISY | 10/1986 | 1/1/2022 | NE | 21 |
| SOUTHERN IL CHAPTER 27 | 705 N BROWN ST | BENTON | IL | 62812 | 618-927-2061 | LORI | 11/1987 | 1/20/2023 | SE | |
| ST CLAIR COUNTY CHAPTER | PO BOX 235 | FREEBURG | IL | 62243-0235 | 618-791-5033 | MIKE | 5/1991 | 1/15/2023 | SW | |
| STARVED ROCK CHAPTER | 2386 500 N RD | TOLUCA | IL | 61369 | 815-488-1538 | DON | 10/1997 | 1/1/2023 | NW | 19 |
| STATE LINE RIDERS CHAPTER | 114 N WALNUT | MILFORD | IL | 60953 | 815-867-0797 | TIM | 12/2002 | 2/4/2022 | EC | |
| TEN MILE CREEK CHAPTER | 1325 W OAK PARK DR | DECATUR | IL | 62526 | 217-620-1707 | SCOTT (SCOOTER) | 4/2017 | 1/1/2023 | EC | |
| THUNDER ROCK CHAPTER | 6131 N KNOLL ST | MONROE CENTER | IL | 61052 | 815-978-9210 | BOB | 2/2000 | 1/1/2023 | NW | |
| TRI-COUNTY CHAPTER | PO BOX 1513 | JACKSONVILLE | IL | 62651-1513 | 217-320-7330 | JEFF | 8/2004 | 1/20/2023 | WC | |
| TWIN RIVERS CHAPTER | 813 LAKEWOOD GREEN DR | DIXON | IL | 61021 | 815-440-6018 | JOHN | 4/1987 | 1/22/2023 | NW | |
| UNION JACK CHAPTER | 163 KATHLEEN RD | DuQUOIN | IL | 62832 | 618-528-5513 | BRUCE | 11/1994 | 11/10/2017 | SE | |
| WILL COUNTY CHAPTER | PO BOX 2488 | JOLIET | IL | 60434 | 815-210-3134 | DAVID (PINK) | 4/2003 | 1/1/2022 | NE | 22 |
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