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**WILL COUNTY A.B.A.T.E.**

A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education

# Happy Holidays



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To the current 2013  
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their dedication,  
hard work and  
support through  
out the year.



## Activities

By: Pam

Well the holidays are upon us and the question is, where did this year go? As we start planning for holiday parties keep in mind that the Will County ABATE Cabin Fever Party is our holiday party. This is the time for us to get together and celebrate with our ABATE family and friends. You can see the ad in the newsletter for the details but this year's Cabin Fever is all about summer - It's a Beach Party so please mark your calendars now for Jan 11th and keep your favorite summer outfit out for this event.

I have a committee forming for the Cabin Fever Party please contact me on FB or at [pam@willcoabate.org](mailto:pam@willcoabate.org) if you would like to participate.

Also it's that time of year to start the Book Run Committee formed, if you would like to help out and finding new places for us to venture out to get involved please contact me.

I have had a great time this year we had some great events the Cabin Fever party, the Triathlon

at Zelmos, bowling night, Anniversary Run, Book Run, Hooters & Scooters, and the Book Run party. We have tried to do things that you have asked for but I think it is time to shake it up and do some things to improve membership. New ideas to promote ABATE but have fun at the same time.

That is why I decided to step up and run for President. I want to thank Al M. who has agreed to be my Vice President. We look forward to bringing some fresh ideas to the chapter to increase membership, improve communications, and improve involvement into the chapter by having some different events. It's time to get this chapter motivated! 2014 is going to be a difficult political year and we are going to need the membership to be increased and more involved or our rights are going to dwindle. I am ready to take on the challenge we have during this difficult time and I ask you for your support for President of Will County ABATE in 2014!

Pam

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(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/willcoabate/>)

This will also keep you up to date with legislative issues and Will County ABATE activities. If you are having problems joining the Yahoo group, please send an email to

[pink\\_floyd67@comcast.net](mailto:pink_floyd67@comcast.net)

and an invite will be sent out. This is the most efficient way to keep our members up to date with all of our information.



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Email: [editor@willcoabate.org](mailto:editor@willcoabate.org)

## Lending a Hand

By Member Mike

Hi everyone, I recently had the opportunity to help one of our neighbors to the south, with a favor. Dawn Winterfeldt of River Valley was at our last chapter meeting and asked if anyone could help her out with motorcycle awareness classes in her area. I asked when and where. (I think she was stunned that I asked so quickly) She told me it was at Bradley H.S. At that point she didn't have all the details, but she got me the info I needed to make contact at the school.

The teacher was so *excited* that we were going to be able to do the presentation that he asked if we could come back in November. I told him you bet we can! The drivers ed programs of today are *wanting* to give the kids so many view points of what's out there on the roads as possible. Did you know that many of the schools call people from the trucking companies and railroad industry to come in and speak to the kids and they never hear from them??

We are the only ones who call them back!

Let me tell you it's okay to help another chapter. River Valley is small and they need help from time to time. If you have never done a safety and education class it's a great time teaching the kids about motorcycles. Many have told me they learned a lot from me. That's always great to hear. We can all pass down our experience on the road to these young people. With all the negative things out there about bikes, this is *our* chance to dispel these myths about us as riders.

I want to give a big thanks to Shy Vi for coming and helping out that day. And thanks to Dawn for getting the supplies. We got good reviews from the teachers that day. One comment that was made was that we gave the kids "a lot of new things for them to think about that, they as teachers had never realized". I have to tell you, that one comment made me feel like I was making a difference. Hey you never know, the life you save out there could be your own.

Ride safe,  
Mike

Hold on don't put those swimsuits and flip flops away yet  
because this years Will County A.B.A.T.E.  
Cabin Fever Party is a Beach Party!



Saturday, Jan 11, 2014

American Legion Harwood Post #5 at  
705 Larkin Ave. Joliet, IL.

Surfs up at **6 pm** and we will party till the tide comes in at **11:30 pm**.

**Attire:** Wear your flip flops, halter tops, Bermuda shorts, Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts, and don't forget the coconuts!

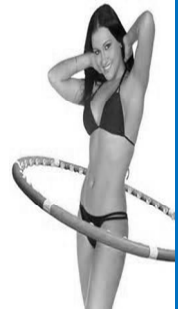
**Entertainment:** Remember being young again and you were bopping around to The Beach Boys and feeling some good vibrations. We will be entertained with the sounds of the Beach Boys, Jimmy Buffett and songs of summertime!

Get those hips moving because we will be having hula hoop contests, limbo contests and some other entertaining games.

The **menu** will be beach food and some cheeseburgers in paradise and if you would like to bring an appetizer or dessert make it some summertime foods. Cash bar available with some boat drink specials.

**Costs:** The party is free to all CURRENT Will County ABATE members

Each member can bring one guest at the cost of \$10 per person. ABATE members from other chapters are also invited at the cost of \$10 per person.



**RSVP:** If attending you must **RSVP by 12/31** by contacting [pam@willcoabate.org](mailto:pam@willcoabate.org).

**Tickets can be picked up at the Dec, and Jan meetings.**



**Legislative:**  
**Brian**

Greetings, all—

As we near the end of the year, there's kind of a lull in the legislative action, but that doesn't mean that we can get complacent.

In developments at the state level, HB3694, the bill to stop the attempt by the Illinois Dept. of Revenue to make money on poker runs, marble runs and similar events, was introduced during the Fall Veto Session. It was referred to the Rules Committee, and we should see action on it during the Spring Session. Since the original bill passed with very little opposition, it shouldn't be hard to move this one, as the Legislature knows what the original intent of the bill was.

Our friends have introduced bills that would send Congress a message that Illinois favors independent testing of E-15 fuels before they can come into widespread use. Rep. Kay Hatcher introduced HB524, and Sen. Mike Jacobs' bill is SB634. Call your state senator and rep and

tell them you support these bills. Imagine the weight these bills would carry, coming from a big corn-producing state like Illinois! On the federal front, Rep. Petri's letter from the House to the CDC was sent. In it, he urged them to stick to disease-related issues and not motorcycle-related ones. At our last meeting, I said it was a safe bet that they were going to lobby Congress for national helmet laws next year. Guess what? The next day the MRF reported that this was indeed the case, and they told us to warn our senators and members of the House that this arm-twisting would occur. We have to be one step ahead of those who want to see motorcycling regulated the way it is in Europe!

Another very frightening group is the Governor's Highway Safety Association, which, as its name implies, covers all of the 50 states. One of their goals is "air tight tickets." NHTSA is going to make training available for police, prosecutors, and judges in every state. One of the speakers at their latest conference, a judge from Indiana, was shocked at the storm trooper mentality of those in attendance, and said he was concerned that Constitutional rights were going to be trampled.



These are just some of the issues we're faced with. Next year is an election year. When you're asked to help a motorcycle-friendly candidate by helping to make or put out yard signs, or attend a fundraiser (ABATEPAC and FEDPAC foot the bill), or help pass out literature, are you going to find an excuse not to help, or are you going to take a little time to help preserve the future of motorcycling? I know what I'm gonna do.

Brian  
Legislative Retiree

P.S.—I was all set to let my years as an officer come to an end in December, as I've repeated all year. When I was nominated for Chapter President at the November meeting, I was caught off guard; I had no idea it was coming, so I accepted half-jokingly, not even realizing there were people who really wanted me to run (and Pat was sure not one of them). After serving as your Legislative Coordinator since July, 2006, I see first-hand the increasing challenges we as motorcyclists face, and I understand the importance of keeping our members motivated, informed, and active. I also know the importance of keeping people interested and

hopefully, even entertained at meetings. I understand the importance of operating according to our Chapter and State bylaws, and why certain bylaws are in place--while at the same time listening to people's opinions and suggestions for change. With Randy S. as my running mate, we have a member who has held several Chapter offices as well as a seat on ABATEPAC, has an incredible amount of knowledge about how ABATE operates, and no shortage of ideas to move this Chapter forward and have fun doing it. We as a chapter, and ABATE of IL as a whole, are at a crossroads. We have to reach out to all our present and past members and get everyone back on board. We can get bogged down in disagreements, or we can agree to work towards the common goal of preserving our rights while having a good time doing it. If you see fit to elect me, I'll do my absolute best to bring everyone together and working towards our common goals!



**Safety and Education**

By: John

By the time you read this, we will have had presentations at Romeoville HS and Plainfield South HS.

As I mentioned in my last article, I have declined the nomination for S & E for 2014. I fully endorse Noelle. I know she'll do a great job.

As I write this, it's an unusual 60 degree day in mid-November. While it's windy and raining, I did see one guy out on his bike today. Remem-

ber a few things should you choose to ride in these next few months. One, the non-riding public will not be looking for motorcycles this time of the year. Be extra vigilant when riding, especially at night. Two, if it's been awhile since you've ridden, be sure to check the bike over, especially the tire pressure. Remember T-CLOCKS.

It's been an honor to serve as your S & E coordinator these past two years. I look forward to supporting the next board in what promises to be a busy year.

Do you have experience in managing websites?

Will County ABATE is looking for a current Will county member who would be interested in managing our ABATE website.

Qualifications are a basic understanding of HTML, FTP, and CSS compatible editors such as Adobe Dreamweaver, and image and file management.

If interested please respond to [officers@willcoabate.org](mailto:officers@willcoabate.org)

## Will County ABATE Member:

Elections for 2014 Officers will be held on **Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 7:30pm at the Harwood Post. Your vote makes a difference.** If you can't make it to the meeting, please use the absentee ballot on page 12.

1. Check one box per position.
2. Put this ballot into a *stamped* envelope and mail to:

***Will County ABATE Elections  
P.O. Box 928, Plainfield, IL 60544.***

3. If there are two (2) people voting in the same household, please make a copy of the ballot and mail in *separate Stamped envelopes.*
4. Please write your name clearly on the envelope so the election team can verify that you are an active Will County member. Votes Are confidential. Only the election team will open the envelopes.
5. **Ballots must be received in our P.O. Box by 12/11/13 in order to be counted.** Late ballots will be discarded. The new officers' names will be posted on the website and in our newsletter.

***Thank you for being a member of Will County ABATE!***

**Official 2014 Will County ABATE Officers Ballot**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>President</b>	<u>Pam West / VP Al Meyer</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>Brian Wendholt / VP Randy Scott</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Legislative</b> (Write in)	<u>Mike Scovel</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Safety &amp; Ed</b> (Write in)	<u>Noelle Viola</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>State Representative</b>	<u>K. D. "Mad Maxx" Meier</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>Jay Spivey</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Treasurer</b> (Write in)	<u>Joan Lovera</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Membership</b> (Write in)	<u>Helen Bernier</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Public Relations</b> (Write in)	<u>Walter "Freak" Kozielski</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b> (Write in)	<u>Brian Parrino</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Road Captain</b> (Write in)	<u>Joe Viola</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Activities</b> (Write in) (Write in)	<u></u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Newsletter</b> (Write in)	<u>Pat Wendholt</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Merchandise</b> (Write in)	<u>Sandi Ebersohl</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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# Mark Your Calendars

## Upcoming Meetings & Events:

December 4 @ 7pm Officers meeting  
@ Dale A.C.

December 11 @ 7:30pm meeting\*  
(Officer Elections)

January 3 @ 7pm Officers meeting  
TBD

January 8 @ 7:30pm meeting\*

January 11 @ 6-12pm Cabin Fever\*

January 17-19 State Seminar  
(Springfield, IL)

\*At the Harwood Post (I80 & Larkin)

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**MOTORCYCLES!**  
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# Most Wanted

December 2013

January 2014

Member's names are published only in the printed version of the newsletter.

See the printed newsletter for the names of members coming up for renewal

## **Membership:**

***Helen***

Currently we are at 317 members. Just think about it, if each of our 317 member brought in just 1 person our numbers would go way up. Just 1 person! We have plenty of applications. You can pick them up at Harwood Post or pick some up at the Membership Meeting. Elections for Officers

are at the December Membership meeting so please make sure that your membership has not expired so that you can vote. I look forward to seeing you all at the December meeting.

**DID YOU KNOW:** That if you bring in 10 new members you get a 1 year free membership from ABATE State?

### A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Original Date Joined (if renewal) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Preference WILL COUNTY A.B.A.T.E. CHAPTER

Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District \_\_\_\_\_ Senatorial District \_\_\_\_\_ Representative District \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Voter (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Completed a MSF Course (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Where did you hear about ABATE?

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Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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