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A Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.  
**WILL COUNTY A.B.A.T.E.**  
 A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education



## 2014 Cabin Fever

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**President:**  
**Brian**

Greetings, Chapter Members!

We've had our first event of the year, the Cabin Fever Party, and despite a couple of moments that had Mr. Ed and me reaching for our blood pressure meds, we pulled it off, thanks to the hard work of several of our officers and members who really stepped up to the plate! Those members who attended said they had a good time; it's just a shame more of you didn't come out—we put on these events for you!

Next up is our Triathlon at Zelmo's on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. Here's your chance to show off your "athletic" prowess! Check the flyer elsewhere in here for more info. I hope to see a bunch of you there,

because it'll be a good time. In fact, we have a lot of good times planned—Game Nights, the Book Run, lunch and dinner runs, Hooters & Scooters, and a bunch of surprises. We intend to have fun this year; we'd like to see you there!

But it's not all about fun—we have serious work to do if we want to preserve the motorcycling way of life. One of the ways we do this work is to meet face-to-face with our lawmakers. Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> is our annual Legislative Day at the Statehouse; Mike's working hard on making this one our best yet. Check out his article for the scoop.

As always, if you have an idea for an activity, ride, event, whatever, let us know. This is your Chapter!

Brian Wendholt

**Merchandise Sale**  
**Select Shirts 1/\$5.00 or 3/\$10.00**  
**Hoodies \$5.00 off \$25.00**  
**Come to February Meeting**

Interested in getting more involved?

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# 2014 Winter Triathlon

**\*\*Are you the STRONGEST? \*\* JOIN THE GAMES \*\***

**Make your winter workout worthwhile**



**Sunday - February 23, 2014**

**Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon**

1117 Plainfield Rd (Route 30) - Joliet, IL

**Registration at 10:30am – Games begin at 11:00am**

**\$10 Entry Fee per person (\$5 pizza only)**

(includes pool, darts and bags plus pizza)

Prizes will be awarded based on number of Triathletes participating

For more info contact: [Noelle@willcoabate.org](mailto:Noelle@willcoabate.org) (815) 690-2082

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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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<b>MUST BE MOTORCYCLE RELATED. NO EXCEPTIONS!</b>			

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**Legislative:**

Mike

Greeting to all!

There is a lot to talk about from a legislative stand point for the New Year so I'll get right to it. As I write this, The Illinois General Assembly is not in session and won't be back until the end of January. So with that said we still have to make sure that the ethanol bill and the poker run bill get resolved in this next session. That's why it's SO important to have as many people at Legislative Day as possible. This is how we get heard in Springfield...strength in numbers!

At the Federal level, the ethanol bill HR 875 is to get further testing of the effects of 15% ethanol in the gasoline supply. ABATE supports this bill. HR 1861 Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act. This bill prohibits the DOT from providing funds to states or counties for motorcycle only check points. We in Illinois got this bill passed thru the General Assembly, but so far Illinois is the only state to have this. ABATE supports HR 1861. HR 2414 Black Box Privacy Protection Act. This bill says that the event data recorder or any data

recorder in an automobile or motorcycle is the property of the owner of the vehicle. ABATE supports HR 2414.

I recently contacted Congressman Bill Foster about the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). I'll save you all the "extras" that he put in his response to me and try to put in a nut shell. RFS was created in 2005 Energy Policy Act. Initially the requirement by the EPA was to increase the volume of ethanol in fuel. U.S. gasoline demand has declined every year since 2007, reaching a 14 year low according to the Department of Energy.

This has raised concerns that we are reaching the "blend wall" and could exceed levels considered safe for all engines. To address the "blend wall" issue, the EPA proposed changes to the RFS for 2014, thus lowering the requirements for various biofuels and ethanol. April 2013 H.R. 1461 was introduced RFS Elimination Act. This bill would amend the Clean Air Act to repeal the EPA renewable fuel program. So, this could be the start of something good!

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As you know this is an election year and the primaries are approaching fast. March 18<sup>th</sup> is primary day here. One of our own is running for Sheriff of Will County, Steve Egan. Steve is a great guy and needs our support! So get out there and vote For STEVE! How many other chapters in the state could have the local Sheriff in their chapter!

The grades are out for the U.S. Senators and Representatives in our state. ABATE of Illinois endorsed Jim Oberweis as the only Senator. Representatives

are as follows: 6<sup>th</sup> Dist Peter Roskam, 11<sup>th</sup> Dist Darlene Senger, 12<sup>th</sup> Dist Mike Bost, 13<sup>th</sup> Dist Rodney Davis, 14<sup>th</sup> Dist Randy Hultgren, 15<sup>th</sup> Dist John Shimkus, 16<sup>th</sup> Dist Adam Kinzinger, 17<sup>th</sup> Dist Bobby Schilling, and 18<sup>th</sup> Dist Aaron Schock.

I said it at the last meeting and I will say it again, "Ask not what your chapter can do for you, but what you can do for your chapter".

Is it spring yet?  
Mike

# Game Night

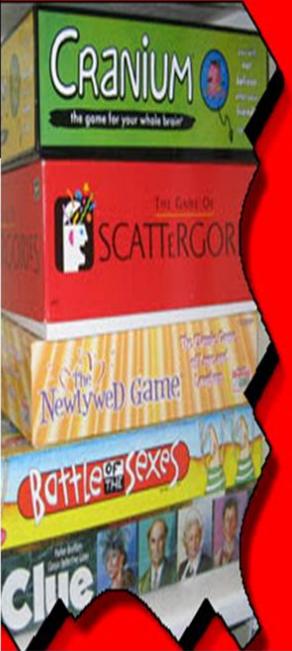
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**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 15, 2014**  
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(bring chips, dip, guacamole if you can)



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Safety & Ed  
Noelle

Hi Everyone, welcome to 2014!

We are looking forward to getting those bikes cleaned up, uncovered and on the road. I for one am ready for some wind therapy to clear the winter blues out of my head.

On those tempting days, when the weather is teasing you to get out for a quick ride, protect yourself from the elements. Bundle up, but make sure to keep your line of vision clear. Dress warm, but do not restrict your movement and reaction time.

Keep your eyes on road conditions. Black Ice is lurking, there

are huge pot holes everywhere, watch for puddles, you never know if it's just a pool of water, or a hole that can swallow your front tire.

For Will County A.B.A.T.E. Safety and Ed, we are going to have some fun this year, planning to educate our new teen drivers, as well as get the younger children and elderly to be aware of motorcycles on the roadway. We have our first series of classes scheduled for the end of February at Plainfield North, with more schools to follow soon, this is our time to shine.

“You do not need a therapist if you own a motorcycle, any kind of motorcycle!”...[Dan Aykroyd](#)



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## Upcoming Meetings & Events:

February @ 7pm Officers meeting  
February 8 @ 7:30pm meeting  
February 23 @ 10:30am Triathlon  
(See flyer)

March 5 @ 7pm Officers meeting  
March 12 @ 7:30pm meeting  
March 15 @ 7pm Game Night  
(See flyer)

All are at the Harwood Post (I80 & Larkin)



Road Captain  
Joe

2014 is holding us down with the cold and snow, but as soon as the weather allows Will County A.B.A.T.E. members and friends are going to get back on 2 wheels and hit the road.

In February I will be issuing a "Ride Calendar" in which we are planning many riding activities in which all are welcome to attend. Bring your friends and family, let's get together as a

group and do it right.

We are all here to protect our rights to ride, but let's not forget....it's all about the ride!!!

As your new Road Captain I am looking forward to having some fun on 2 wheels this summer, and taking all of you with me for the ride.

I welcome any suggestions for rides this year, please contact me with your ideas and we can try to incorporate them into the calendar.

# Most Wanted

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

## 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?

I understand that A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois cannot assume responsibility for my safety and that if I participate in any sanctioned event, I do so voluntarily, assuming all risk. I release and hold A.B.A.T.E. harmless for any injury or loss to my personal property which may result therefrom. I understand this means that I agree not to sue A.B.A.T.E. for any injury resulting to myself or my property at any event. I agree to comply with the Bylaws and act in the best interest of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. A copy of ABATE-PAC's report is or will be filed with the State Board of Elections, Springfield, IL.

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

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