

January 2014



A Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.

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

A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education

COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CABIN FEVER PARTY

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2014 President:
Brian W.

Greetings, Willco Members and Friends,

This is just a brief message to say “thank you” for choosing me to lead your Chapter for the coming year; and also a big “thank you” to the 2013 officers. You all gave freely of your time and talents to further our Chapter. A special thanks to Pam for also stepping up to run for President of your Chapter; she truly has the best interests of the Chapter at heart, and she did an incredible job as Activities Director; she’ll be a hard act to follow. And I would be remiss if I didn’t acknowledge my backup in the Legislative field, Mike Scovel. He’s got the talent and the passion, and he’ll make a first-rate Legislative Coordinator.

Randy S. and I were discussing things we want for the Chapter in 2014, and at the top of the list was working to get more member involvement. What do YOU want to see the Chapter do? If you have an idea for an event, activity, ride, weekend trip, whatever it is, speak up! We’re always looking for

ideas, and we want an emphasis on fun. So watch out at meetings—you never know what might happen.

One thing we need to get started on immediately is the Book Run. It’s gone from being a fun way to rack up some miles to being a major source of income for us. Anyone and everyone who’s interested in being on the Book Run Committee stand up—we need you. Email or call Randy or myself, or sign up at the January meeting. If you know of some interesting places, let us know, so we can contact them.

Have a great Christmas and a safe New Year!

See you at the next meeting,
Brian W.

“Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on or by imbeciles who really mean it.”-- Mark Twain



Interested in getting more involved?

Would you like to know what is involved
in
volunteering?

Come to an officers meeting
the first Thursday of the month 7:00pm at
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and what YOU can do to help.



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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**.

*We are asking members to
bring a dish to pass as follows:
Members with their last
name starting with:*

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|------------|---------------------------|
| <i>A-F</i> | <i>Appetizers</i> |
| <i>G-M</i> | <i>Salads/side dishes</i> |
| <i>N-Z</i> | <i>Desserts</i> |

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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

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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Mike S.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

First of all I want to thank Brian for all he taught me over the past year. He is a wealth of knowledge! I know he will be a tough act to follow. As I sit here looking out at the new snow, I wonder what will be in store for us as riders in the coming year. We have had great support from our legislators in past years. 2014 will bring new challenges for certain. The New Year is also an election year, so we need to support motorcycle friendly candidates.

The big concerns for the upcoming year are, the Poker Run bill, the ethanol bill, and the CDC bill (national helmet law). I don't think it's too early to talk about Legislative Day in Springfield yet, so I want to get you into that mind set now. Last year we had not so great weather going down there, but we made it in one piece. No one knows what the weather will be like this year, since we had snow and cold

early, maybe and early spring?!? March 5, 2014 is Legislative Day in Springfield, so mark your calendar! We need to have as many people there as we can! This is what our organization is all about...to keep our rights as riders! More people equals a louder voice. Remember there's strength in numbers.

For those of you who were not at the December meeting, Brian W. John F., Mad Max, and myself a long with members of Dukane and Southern Dupage chapters, attended a fund raiser for Linda Holmes in Aurora. She is one of our friends when it comes to helping our efforts to get additional testing of the effects of E15 gasoline. There will be more of these fund raisers in the New Year and I urge all of you to attend at least one of these to show our support to the candidates that support us.

That's all for this month, see you next year!

Think Spring!
Mike S.



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!

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



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE 2014
WILL COUNTY A.B.A.T.E. OFFICERS**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

January 2 @ 7pm Officers meeting
January 8 @ 7:30pm meeting
January 11 @ 6-11:30pm Cabin Fever
January 17-18 State Seminar
(Springfield, IL)

All are at the Harwood Post (I80 & Larkin)



Most Wanted

Will County ABATE is at
322 Members.

I hope everyone had a
Merry Christmas and a
Grand New Year.

January 2014

February 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

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 _____

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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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