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

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2013 Presidents Ride with some of the original members present



Zelmo's! Where it all started



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President

By: Jim "Ebs"

Hey Everyone!

Hope you are all enjoying the decent riding weather we've been having. Well after the weather cooperated we had a good day on the 11th for our chapters 10th anniversary ride. I want to thank everyone who joined us, for Pam and her efforts in putting it together, and Mike and T.C. for a nice route to all of our stops. As well as Rockdale Police, Harwood Post, The Country Place, Frans on 17, and Bit O' Blarney and a special thanks to John at Zelmo's for having us and treating us to pizza. The shirts went over well and there are still some left. Sandi tells me she will continue to get them if the demand is there.

Well that's it for now, keep an eye out for some of the other rides we will be taking in the near future, and be safe out there.

See ya soon.

Again be safe out there.

Thanks,
Jim

Interested in getting more involved?

Would you like to know what is involved in volunteering?

Come to an officers meeting the first Wednesday of the month 7:00pm at Dale AC in Rockdale.

This is a way you can see what is involved and what **YOU** can do to help.



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Legislative

By: Brian

Greetings, members and friends! It's hard to believe Will County Chapter has been advocating for motorcyclists' issues for 10 years. Here's a rundown of bills and proposals currently affecting us: In Springfield, HB3369, the Ethanol Promotion bill sponsored by Rep. Moffitt passed out of committee, but Moffitt promised he wouldn't run the bill until he had agreement from the IL Petroleum Council, the IL Petroleum Marketers Assn., and ABATE. This promise was made in front of all 17 committee members, so we can be cautiously optimistic. The other ethanol bill in the House, HB165, Rep. Bradley's bill concerning the sales tax incentives for E-15, hasn't been assigned a committee as of yet. HB2253, the Property Liability Exemption for the Rider Training program, is on hold. HB1539, the Non-Police Traffic Control bill, passed the House 107-5 before Bob Myers & George Tinkham had the chance to change some of the wording that was thought to be problematic. These changes were made when the bill went to the Senate, where it passed out of the Transportation Committee unanimously, and was placed on the

calendar for Second Reading. On May 15, Senators Linda Holmes and Donne Trotter signed on as Senate co-sponsors. I know we've had our differences with Sen. Trotter regarding helmet legislation, but he is a long-time motorcyclist and he shares our views on many issues. Also on May 15, Senators Holmes and Trotter signed on as Senate co-sponsors of HB2520, our Poker Run Bill. This bill would exempt poker runs, marble runs, dice runs etc. from state land-based gaming laws. This bill was scheduled to be heard by the Executive Committee on May 16. Hopefully we'll have good news to report on this legislation. SB52, Sen. Sullivan's companion E-15 tax incentive bill to HB165, was stripped of all language, then passed through committee so he could reinsert the language and run it if he thinks he has the votes, or he could use it for something entirely different. We need to watch this one! In DC, Congressman and champion of motorcyclists' issues Jim Sensenbrenner, still needs sponsors for HR875, which would halt the sale of E-15 fuels and require independent testing of them before they could be sold. As it is, the only testing the EPA did was on the emission control systems of vehicles, not the engines them

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selves. And in an effort to end another anti-motorcycle government practice, yesterday Sensenbrenner introduced HR1861, the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act, which goes one step further than his previous attempt, HR904. This bill would also force DOT to focus efforts on crash-prevention programs, and would amend Section 153 of Title 23 of the United States Code to remove 2 words—"motorcycle helmets." It would prohibit DOT from giving federal funds to states for the purpose of enforcing helmet laws, and would prohibit DOT from meddling in states' business with federal funds. This seems ironic to me, since our Vice President Mike gave me a "report" he downloaded from the CDC website—yeah, *that* CDC! It's titled "Motorcycle Safety; How to Save Lives and Save Money," and has chapters with such catchy titles as "People Who Ride, People Who Die," "Paying the Bill," "Prevention That Works," "Motorcycle Deaths and Partial Helmet Laws," and the block-

buster, "Helmet Laws Save Lives and Money." It's a rehash of the same flawed data and arguments that have been quoted and re-quoted for decades, and takes the position that universal helmet laws are the only scientifically proven way to reduce motorcycle deaths. This report states that licensing, traffic laws, education campaigns, and rider training are all unproven or ineffective when it comes to crash reduction. And in the listing of motorcycle safety resources, you'll find something truly scary: the contact information for a group called SMARTER-Skilled Motorcyclist Assn.-Responsible, Trained & Educated riders. This is a group of self-righteous riders that actively lobbies FOR helmet laws, airbags on bikes, ignition interlocks, etc. Think of them as the anti-ABATE or -MRF, or -AMA. Maybe we should hope that the Chinese bird flu ends up on these shores to divert the attention of these CDC "experts" away from us!

Until next month, stay vigilant!

Stay Vigilant





Safety and Education

By: John

Just about two hours before writing this article, I took my daughter to a local park. Besides the normal number of kids playing we saw two squad cars, a few people milling around, one motorcycle parked in front of a house and a second motorcycle with its front wheel buried in the outside wall of the house. The motorcycle appeared new, complete with a temporary license plate attached. The rider of the crashed motorcycle had already been taken away in an ambulance, so I didn't see how badly hurt he was. I hope he survived and will recover.

From what I was told of the crash, it appeared the owner of the parked motorcycle was teaching his friend how to ride the new, and now crashed, motorcycle. The pair got to the T intersection and the new guy rode right through the intersection and into the house. I can only guess his actions, but I'll bet he didn't really know how to stop. He was probably holding the throttle incorrectly, panicked and when the bike lurched, he rolled on even more power. Again, I'm guessing based on 2nd and 3rd hand accounts of the crash.

Is it possible this crash could have

been avoided had the rider gotten proper training before getting on a new, powerful, street bike? I like to think the answer is "Absolutely!". Just having a buddy show you where the controls are and how to operate them isn't teaching someone how to ride. If things happened like I'm guessing, this guy did his friend a disservice; that friend paid a price. Do yourself, your friends and your family a favor and get trained if you haven't already. Take an advanced course if you've been riding for a while. Tell friends who want to learn to ride about the FREE courses available here in IL. Information is available elsewhere in this newsletter.

For those of you who do not have an "M" classification on your license, PLEASE attend a **FREE** Motorcycle Rider Safety Training Course. After passing the course, you will automatically qualify for the "M" classification. If you already have an "M" classification, there is also an Experienced Rider Safety Course available to sharpen your skills. Course information is available from the

Illinois Department of Transportation.

They can be reached at

<http://www.dot.il.gov/cycle2.html>

The regional center for the Will County area can be reached at

[1-800-252-3348](tel:1-800-252-3348)

or

<http://www.mrp.uiuc.edu/>



Activities

By: Pam

Thank you to those that came out and supported the bowling night, it was a fun time. Also I would like to thank those that participated in our Presidents Ride, the weather was questionable but we stayed dry. I hope that we see more of our members in the next 3 months join us in some activities. This is the time of year to get out there and meet those fellow A.B.A.T.E. members.

How's that A.B.A.T.E. book run coming? What you don't have one? You work too much, don't have enough time! If you have 5-6 good riding days between now and Oct. 1, you have time to complete the book! So get out there and buy a book at one of the par-

ticipating locations. The stops are selling out of books so call ahead and see if they have any. Check out the www.willcoabate.org for listings.

While we are talking about the book, I need to mention that one of our favorite bonus stops went out of business in the last few weeks. Love The View in Cedar Lake, It had to close down, so everyone will get credit for that stop. I apologize for any inconvenience it may cause but help spread the word to those you know bought a book.

June has a lot of events going on with other chapters that we as a Chapter want to support. So we will be planning our member events around them.

Sunday Jun 2 is the Topless Tour hosted by Southern Dupage ABATE @ Rebounds in

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ADVERTISING COST			
SIZE	1 MONTH	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR
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Classified Ads	\$5 mo	\$10 w/picture	
MUST BE MOTORCYCLE RELATED. NO EXCEPTIONS!			

Ad must have artwork ready and in .jpeg format

Payment must be received by the 15th of the month.

Email: editor@willcoabate.org

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Yorkville. For more information check out our website and/or Facebook page.

Sat Jun 8 will be a Will County member ride stopping at some of our Will Co ABATE Book Run stops. Meet at Angie's in Rockdale at 10 am. KSU at 11 am.

Sun Jun 9 is A Ride Through Time hosted by DuKane Chapter ABATE @ Fox River Harley Davidson St. Charles, IL.

Sat June 15 is the IL MOTORCYCLE FREEDOM RUN starting at Grundy County Fairgrounds, Morris, Il. Kickstands up 10:15am. If you're not riding, please be aware it's happening that day and the area that you are traveling.

Jun 21-23 is the ABATE of Illinois State Party Glenwood RV Resort, Marseilles, IL.

Friday Jun 21 Will Co ABATE is

responsible for working the gates and merchandise table from 6 pm to 9 pm so come on out and give us hand. Let me know if I can count on you!

Friday night entertainment is Karaoke competition with Kathryn DJ & karaoke and Chicago Blues Angels. Sat is Pinks band Half in the Bag and The Insultans plus more. Come see what it is all about.

And while we are planning for a special Hooters & Scooters this year, be sure to mark your calendars for Sat 9/7, you won't want to miss it.

We will fit in as many book run rides as we can on the weekends so keep posted and up to date by checking our Facebook page or sign up for the Yahoo group or see you at the meeting.

Pam

Unsafe roads please go to Roadhazard.org or call 800-257-4337 and report it

Membership

By: Helen

Our membership is declining. We are down to 357 members. As you can see we have a lot of renewals in June and July. If you see any of our fellow members that need to renew, kindly remind them about

sending in their membership renewal. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Thanks for all you do throughout the year and be safe on the roads.

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Mark Your Calendars

June 5 @ 7pm Officers meeting

@ Dale A.C. in Rockdale

June 8 Will Co ABATE Book Run Ride TBD

June 12 @ 7:30 General Meeting*

**June 15 IL MOTORCYCLE FREEDOM
RUN**

Jun 15 Will Co ABATE Book Run Ride TBD

Jun 21-23 ABATE of Illinois State Party

Glenwood RV Resort, Marseilles, IL. Gates Open at Noon on Thursday

Jun 21 Will Co ABATE working State Party

6 pm to 9 pm

July 3 @ 7pm Officers meeting

@ Dale A.C. in Rockdale

July 14 Sunday @ Noon General meeting*

(cookout meeting, bring a dish to pass)

July 14 Memorial Ride Honoring Ron Oswald

After General meeting 3—6 pm Woodlawn Memorial Park

@ Ron's Grave

* Harwood Post



Most Wanted

June 2013

July 2013

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? _____

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Signature(s) _____

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