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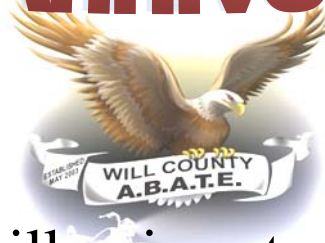
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A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education

Will County A.B.A.T.E.

70th Anniversary



We are still going strong after
10 years of fighting for your
Motorcycle Rights

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President
By: Jim "Ebs"

Hey Everyone!

Well riding season is here so please be careful out there. We had a great presentation on the ride Smart program by Mike Myers at the April meeting and very informative. 43 of us seen it and I think everyone was impressed. For our tenth anniversary we are having a President run including all past presidents and

founding members so please join us May 11 at 10am at the Harwood Post. Mike has put together a nice ride to the stops we have planned so save that date. And lastly I want to thank Pam and the rest of the book run committee on a job well done; the stops are great, it should be a fun summer hitting all these places.

Again be safe out there.

Thanks,
Jim



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Interested in getting more involved?

Would you like to know what is involved in volunteering?

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and what YOU can do to help.

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Legislative

By: Brian

Greetings Will County Chapter, There's very little happening in Springfield, except HB1539, which would allow for non-police traffic controllers and intersection blockers for large rides and events. It passed the House before anyone expected it to and its author George Tinkham is trying to fine tune it regarding training necessary and what the training would consist of and other small details before the Senate votes on it. The Senators in our area all think it's a good bill, at least to our faces, so hopefully it will pass the Senate as easily as the House. Our own Barb did a lot of the leg work on this bill for George. In Washington we're still trying to line up co-sponsors for Representative Sensenbrenner's bill to require independent testing on the effects of E15 fuel on light duty engines. If you haven't done it yet, call your Congressman and urge him to sign on to HR-875. The way things are in Washing-

ton these days nobody will waste their time on a bill that doesn't have at least 100 co-sponsors. Don't know how many of you saw the news story on Channel 7 about the new "motorcycle" (their words). It is essentially a trike with completely enclosed body work, glass windows, steering wheel, and other automotive features. It's an attempt by Chinese and Indian automakers to circumvent the federal automobile standards, by calling these things motorcycles. Of course, when people start flipping them over, because they are unstable, guess where the fatality figures are going to be placed. Since they are registered and titled as motorcycles, they're gonna drive up the motorcycle fatality statistics then the feds will wring their hands and moan about the increase in motorcycle fatalities. We all know what will happen next.

That's it for this month.

Stay Vigilant

Brian
Legislative Curmudgeon



Membership

By: Helen

CRITICAL: Membership is dwindling. We are down to 367 members. I sent out renewal envelopes a few weeks ago to everyone whose membership had expired from January thru March and those that were coming up for renewal in April and May. I did get quite a few back so it seems people like getting the notices in the mail. In the next week I will be sending out renewals for June and July. I am going to try to keep up to date with getting them out a month or two in

advance.

I have a whole new batch of membership applications for you to take with you on your bikes or in your cars. Let's try to get our membership back up over 400. I always have some applications at the Harwood Post for you to pick up. If you drop off any at local establishments make sure you put your name on the application so that you get credit for any new members that sign up. Ride safe my friends.

See Most Wanted list on Page 10



| ADVERTISING COST | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------------|--------|
| SIZE | 1 MONTH | 6 MONTHS | 1 YEAR |
| 1/4 page | \$15 | \$75 | \$150 |
| 1/2 page | \$20 | \$100 | \$200 |
| Full Page (Flyer) | \$25 | \$150 | \$250 |
| 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



Safety and Education

By: John

As of this writing, both Romeoville HS and Plainfield South HS have asked us for presentations this term. As always, if anyone would like to see a presentation, please contact me.

After the April BOD meeting, as I was dressing to ride home, I was told to be safe and be seen by the other board members. I joked that I was wearing “reflective” black

leather, but it got me thinking. I've talked about making our motorcycles more visible, but what about the riders? Do we always have to wear black leather? There are other, brighter, colors available. There are reflective vests that can be worn over the jackets. Some are inexpensive and fairly unobtrusive while still letting other drivers see us at night.

To be sure, it is the responsibility of the operators of all motor vehicles to watch traffic, but couldn't we motorcyclists make it a little easier to be seen?

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

Well it's here, riding season is finally here!!!

We have so many things ahead of us that we as a chapter have to look forward too!! But first, I want to take a minute and say that we need to remember that this group is made up of a very diverse group of people. All walks of life and we need to respect everyone and everyone's opinion.

Our members are the best in the STATE and that is because of we have very unique INDIVIDUALS. That is why we get so many things done as a CHAPTER because we have so many different talents, skills, knowledge and experiences. Please everyone can we

focus on what needs to get accomplished and just have fun!!! It is a volunteer organization and one that most of us care deeply about and that is why tensions get tight at times.

And while we are talking about volunteers let's hear it for the Book Run Committee!!!! They are amazing people to work with and none of them had to be babysat they were given tasks and they did it! I couldn't have asked for a better group to work with on this book. They have brought us some unique spots this year not the normal stops or locations. We have 42 regular stops and 6 bonus stops. 22 new stops this year and we are riding from Watseka/Chatsworth to Davenport, IA, to Rockford and over to Michigan City, In. Thank goodness we have 5 months to do it in.

The Will County 2013 ABATE Book Run Committee

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|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Pam Activity Director | Jim President | Michael Road Captain |
| Sandi | Bobby | Tara |
| Charlie | Chuck | Jackie |
| Joan | Jo | John |
| Keith | Marty | Pat |

See printed version of newsletter for last names



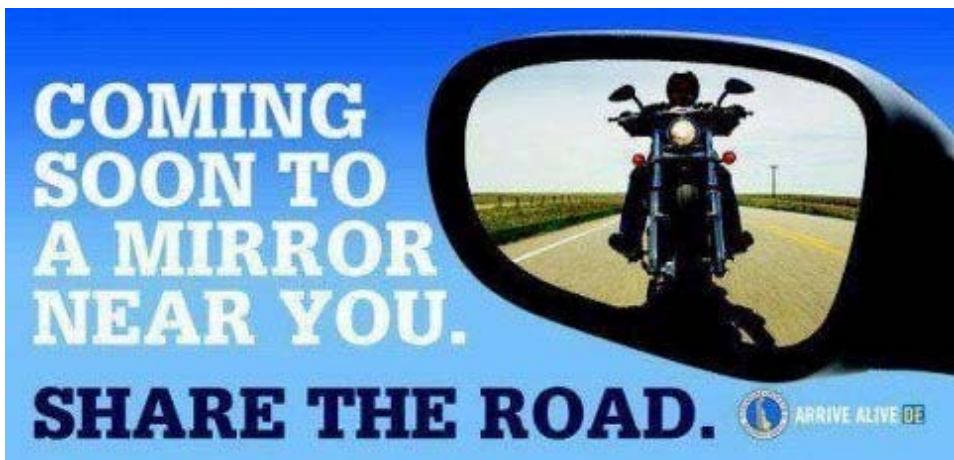
Road Captain

BY: Mike

Well it's that time, I hope most of you have had your bikes out already and made sure they are ready to roll for the first group ride of the year. In celebration of our 10th year Anniversary we will **be** taking the first ever Presidents Run on May 11th starting at our home base American Legion Harwood Post in Joliet. Sign in at 10 am and leaving there around 11:00 am. We are planning to have all the past Presidents (including Mike C. and Jeff G.) and founding members join us on this day to help lead the group out for a nice country ride down to the Kankakee area. We will be riding to Frans on 17 and then back to Zelmo's where it all began with some scheduled stops in between. Come on out and join us in this celebration.

I am also working on scheduling out some more group rides to different locations for the riding season. Many of these rides will be to stops on the book run or other chapter events. We hope to have a lists of dates, times and places for you by the May meeting.

We have discovered some roads that are in need of work this year so if you are out riding and discover an area that is unsafe please go to Roadhazard.org and report it. RoadHazard.org was created and is maintained by the ABATE Legal Services team to provide motorcyclists the ability to notify the appropriate agency of potential hazards in a timely manner. They are hoping that through this notification process that it will facilitate the speedy notification of local officials and the rapid correction of those problems. Keep your eyes open and your skills sharp while out there this season. Remember whenever possible – Right in, Right out, Ride Safe!



Mark Your Calendars

May 1 @ 7pm Officers meeting
@ Dale A.C. in Rockdale

May 3 Ride Smart presentation
hosted by Will County Lamas*

May 4 ABATE of IL Awareness Rally
Pre-party @2pm Springfield, IL

May 5 ABATE Awareness Rally
IDOT, Springfield

May 8 @ 7:30pm 10th Anniversary (cookout)
General meeting*

May 11 Presidents Anniversary Ride
American Legion Harwood Post 10 am sign in bikes out at 11am

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

* Harwood Post

Most Wanted

May 2013

June 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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