

November 2013



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

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

A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education

2014 Board Nominations!

Come to the November meeting and be nominated for a position on the board.

Everyone has a right to make a difference in how our rights are fought!

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President
Jim "Ebs"

Hey everyone we had a nice time at the Book Run party. The turnout was a little lite but that is every one's loss who didn't show up. The band was great as was the company of those who were there. Big thanks to Pam for putting on a great night, Harvest Moon for a great show and everyone else who pitched in to help out. A great big thanks once again to Mr. Ed for a job well done on the food.

I want to thank those Will County members who participated in the DuKane Toy Run, what a turnout! Congrats to President Judy Kaenel for a job well done!

To all of our members when you are at events and representing Will County ABATE please remember your behavior reflects on the chapter. Let's all work together and get the job done!

Nominations are up for next months meeting so jump in and help out.

Thanks,
Jim

Officer nominations November



Legislative
By: Brian

Greetings, everyone!

The IL Dept of Revenue smelled easy money to be made from the poker run law that was just enacted, and decided that sponsors of poker runs would need to buy a permit, as would each stop on the run. Each organization or establishment would be limited to 8 permits a year. Since this was obviously not the intent of the Legis-

lature, and amending the new law might turn into a mess, Rep. Rich Brauer introduced HB3694 on October 4th. Here's the official synopsis: "Amends the Raffles Act and the Charitable Games Act. Provides for the regulation of poker runs as raffles rather than as charitable games events. Provides that poker runs shall be licensed by the governing body with jurisdiction over the key location and the license granted by the key location shall cover the entire poker

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run. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012 to make corresponding changes. Effective immediately." Once the bill is assigned a committee, we'll need to call our state reps to get them on board, although passage shouldn't be too hard considering the vote tally of the bill that was just signed into law. We just need to get this passed quickly before poker-dice-marble run season kicks off.

We're losing friends in the Legislature at an alarming rate-- Kay Hatcher, Sue Rezin, Pam Roth, Renee Kosel, and the biggest loss of all Minority Leader Tom Cross. We need to work our asses off to get motorcycle-friendly candidates into these seats. For anyone in the 97th District, Shorewood Mayor Rick Chapman is running for Tom's seat. He's a moderate who's committed to reaching across the aisle, and he's ABATE- and motorcycle-friendly.

In DC, WI Rep Tom Petri, who's a motorcycle-rights defender, has drafted a letter to the CDC urging them to stop their helmet-law mandate BS:

Congressman Petri had this to say, "Given the demands on your budget and the unique ability of the CDC to address such pressing issues as heart disease, diabetes,

cancer, Alzheimer's and a host of other conditions and issues which afflict millions of Americans and others around the globe, we encourage you to direct your attention and resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government." Call your Congressman and ask him to sign this letter. Do it NOW. Now that the debt ceiling question is settled, for a couple months, anyhow, it's time for Congress to rein in these bureaucrats.

In a couple months, election season will be upon us again, and we need to replace our friends in the Legislature who are retiring or running for other offices with people who'll help us in the fight for our freedoms. So when we're asked to help put yard signs together or put 'em in the ground, remember that we don't have the money to get our friends elected; all we have is ourselves and our time. Is it worth a few hours of your time to maintain the more-or-less unrestricted motorcycling environment you enjoy?

Until next time ride safely,

Brian, Legislative Short-Timer

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Activities

By: Pam

I would like to thank everyone for a successful book run this year. Thanks goes out to our Officers, the Book Run Committee, the participating bars, and all those that purchased books. Mr. Ed for the cooking, those that attended the party and Harvest Moon for the great entertainment. The winners of the cash prizes are:

Larry S. \$300

Charity B. \$200

Nick G. \$100

Bill E. bonus stops

The Cabin Fever party is scheduled for Jan 11, 2014 at Harwood Post. Tickets will be available at

the Nov and Dec meetings. The party is free for all Willco ABATE members and non-members will be \$10.00. We are looking at doing a themed party this year so get ready to feel some good vibrations or about some cheeseburgers in paradise! Tickets must be gotten by 12/30/2013.

We will announce at meeting about a few members night in Nov and Dec so stay tuned.

We have a few busy months ahead of us with nominations and elections of Officers. We are looking for a few members to step up and be active in the Chapter! Join us in the fun!

See you all soon!

Pam



OCTOBER NOMINATIONS

President	Jim E.-declined Pam W.—accepted
Secretary	Paul B.– not in attendance
Treasurer	OPEN
Legislative Coordinator	Mike S.—accepted
Safety & Education	John F.—declined Noelle V.—accepted
Activities	OPEN
BOD Rep	Brian W.-accepted Mad Maxx-accepted
Editor	Pat W.-tabled
Membership	Helen B.– accepted
Merchandise	Sandy E.– accepted
Public Relations	Freak– not in attendance
Road Captain	Jim E.—declined Joe V.—accepted
Sgt at Arms	Brian P.-not in attendance

Remember in order to accept a nomination you must be at the November meeting or email a letter of intent to the officers at officers@willcoabate.org

Consider running for a position on the executive board to help in fighting for your rights!



**Safety and
Education**

By: John

On September 20th, Paul gave our first presentation of the new school year to 213 kids at Plainfield South HS.

Mike and Shy Vi helped start the S&E program with River Valley. Look for Mike's article elsewhere in this issue for details.

Our chapter held the first round of nominations at the October meeting. I have declined the nomination to continue as Safety and Ed coordinator for the Will County chapter. I nominated and endorse Noelle Viola to be the next Safety and Ed coordinator. I have no doubt she will make our program even better than it is today.

While driving home from work recently, I had the opportunity to observe a motorcyclist for several miles. He seemed very aware of his surroundings and rode along

very nicely with the flow of traffic save for two things.

He hardly ever touched the front brake when stopping for stop signs or lights. He actually did quite a bit of downshifting and engine braking before using the rear brake to come to a complete stop. While I have no problem using the engine to help slow a motorcycle, I believe engine braking should be used in conjunction with the regular brakes. Engine braking does not activate the brake light, which is often the only way non-riders know a person is slowing or stopping.

Make sure both brakes are used every time you stop. Even if both brakes aren't necessary for stops in regular traffic, get used to using both. It builds muscle memory and good habits emergency situations. Remember that most of the power is in the front brake. That can become quite important in an emergency stop as weight transfers off of the rear wheel and onto the front.



Membership

By: Helen

Well here we are finally into the fall season. We are currently at 321 members. I would like to call on the Membership Committee, which is all 321 of you, to pick up applications and give them to prospective members. You might want to leave some at places of business that motorcyclists frequent. If you leave any applications make sure that your name is on the line that asks “where did you hear about ABATE?” When you talk to people let them know how hard we are fighting for **their** rights, how our members go into the community and educate the new drivers to watch for motorcycles.

Last October Will County had 394 members. We are not the only chapter that is down in members. Almost every chapter in the state is down. As of October 1st the State is down to 8924 members. Last October the State membership was at 9713. The State has not seen over 10,000 since sometime in 2011.

I am asking that everyone get out and try to bring in new members or members that need to renew and haven’t been with us for a while. Remember you are the Membership Committee.

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MUST BE MOTORCYCLE RELATED. NO EXCEPTIONS!			

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

Email: editor@willcoabate.org

Mark Your Calendars

November 6 @ 7:00pm Officers meeting
(Dale A.C.)

November 13 @ 7:30pm General meeting*
2014 Officer Nominations

December 4 @ 7:00pm Officers meeting
(Dale A.C.)

December 11 @ 7:30pm General meeting*
2014 Officer Elections

* Harwood Post

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Most Wanted

November December

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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