

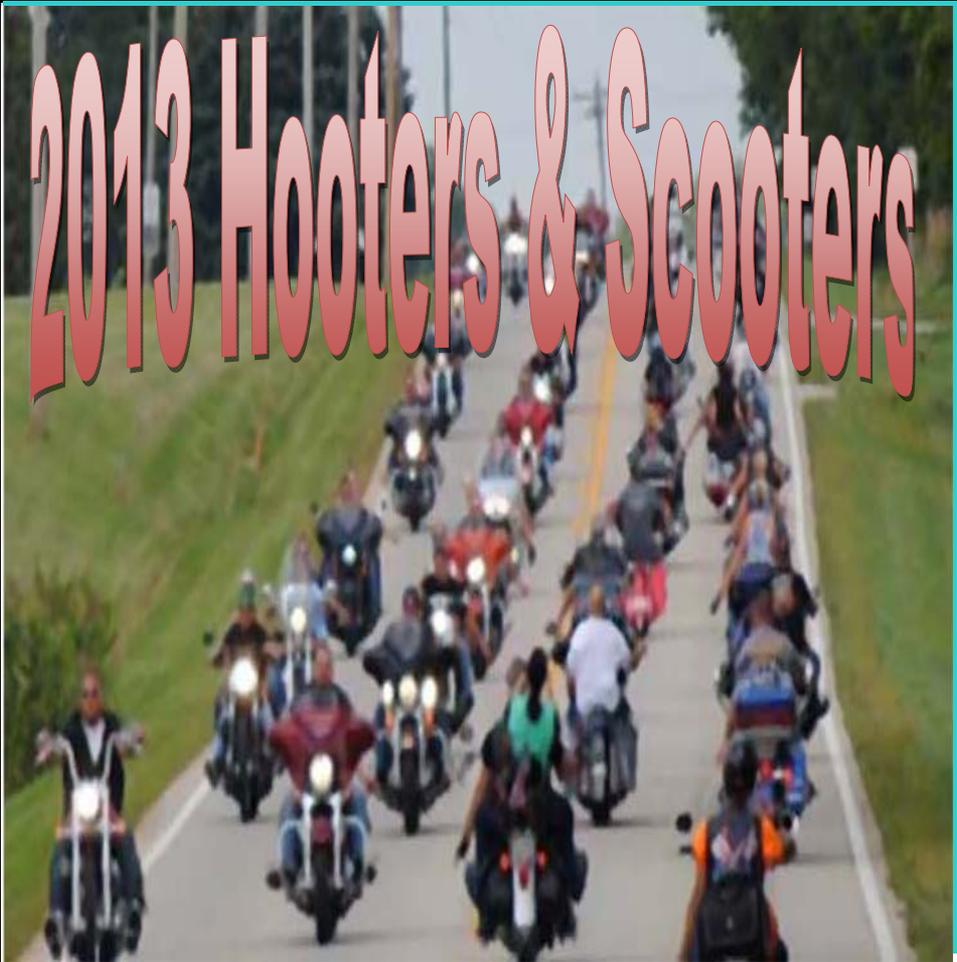
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President
Jim "Ebs"

Hi everyone, I want to thank everybody who joined us for a very successful Hooters and Scooters run and thanks to all who helped put it together. I know I will forget to mention someone, so please remember I know who you are and that I am grateful. A special Thank You to Chief Chuck

Bergeron and the Village of Sheridan, The Corner Tap, Pam and Mike, T.C. and Carol. We still have a lot riding weather left so be safe out there. Our next event will be the Book Run party, so remember to turn your books as soon as you can. Pam will have more info on bands and food, so look for her article and posts on the net. That's it for now.

Thanks,
Jim

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Activities
By: Pam

Wow what a month it has been! The Hooters & Scooters was a great time and I want to take a moment and acknowledge all that helped make it a SUCCESS! Whether you parked bikes, helped with registration, banking, merchandise, membership, blocking, etc. we would like to thank the following: Ebs, TC, Mike W, Ed C, Dillon C, Danny E, Bumper, Jim K, Scuba Steve, Roy, Paul B, Dean "Pops" C. and Ed and Kim F, Mike, Brian and Pat W, Tom T, Mike S, Joe and Joan L, Monty & Trixie, Tony & Agnes, Gary M, John F, Sandi E, Carol C, Monica C, Shannon Y, Cheryl S, Angie P, Freak, Helen B, Ellen G, Shy Vi, Brian P, Brenda B, Mike C, Amanda H, Ted A, Ron K, Steve D, and Mad Maxx, The Kat 105.5, Chief Bergeron of Sheri-

dan PD, the EMS Roaddocs, Harwood Post – Mary and her staff, Johns Corner Tap, High Heels Saloon, and the Silver Slipper. A special thanks to our Photographer Ellen for capturing great photos of the day!

The time is near to get your books for the Annual Book Run finished and turned into Harwood Post or mailed to the Post Office box. The end of the book run party is October 12th at Harwood Post. There will be food, prizes and the entertainment is by Harvest Moon. The party begins at 6 pm and goes till 11 pm. If you want to attend the party you can purchase additional tickets at \$15.00 a person by contacting me at pam@willcoabate.org no later than Oct 7th.

That's all for now, we will talk soon!
Pam
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Legislative

By: Brian

Greetings Everyone!

As most of you know, the Governor has signed both of our bills. He waited all summer, and then signed them the day after last month's newsletter went to the printers. That figures.

The details:

HB1539 is our Road Guard bill. It permits individuals --*authorized by local authorities* --to stop or direct traffic at *events.* Notice it says "events." A ride with 10 of your buddies to the gin mill doesn't qualify as an "event," at least not according to this law. Notice it also says "authorized by local authorities," which means they have to have advance notice and give their OK. This should make rides like Hooters & Scooters, the Awareness Run, and large rides by other organizations a lot smoother and safer, but the law doesn't take effect until 1/1/14.

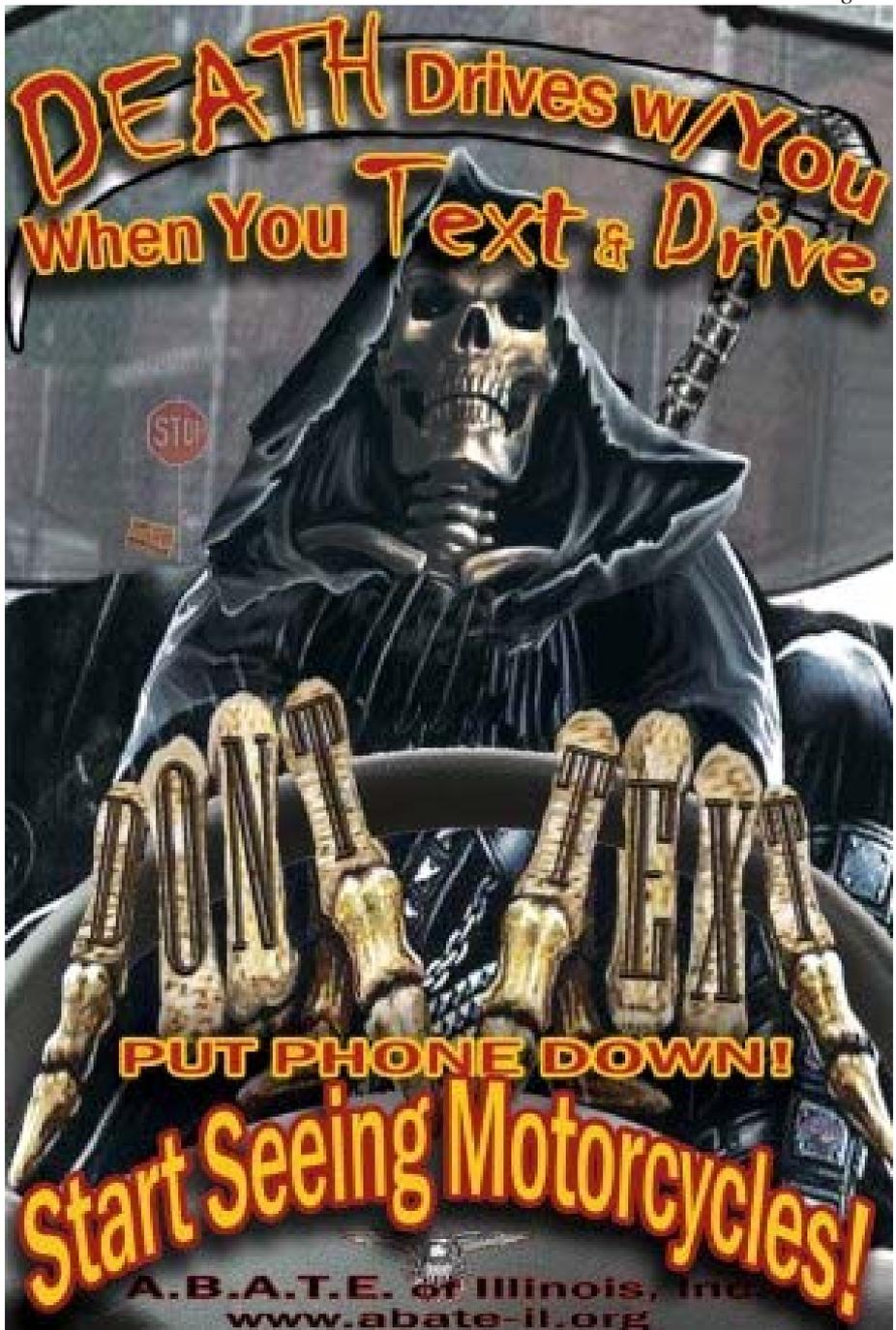
HB2520 is our Poker Run bill, which exempts, naturally, poker runs, and also marble runs, dice runs and the like, from control by the State Gaming Board. They had wanted to prohibit these runs as "games of chance" which supposedly competed against state-run gambling such as the Lottery. According to Imre Szauter, the

Legislative guru from the AMA, Illinois is the first state to pass such a law. This law took effect on 8/16/13.

ABATE is still trying to get support for bills that protect property owners who have Rider Training Program courses on their property from lawsuits that might arise from these classes, and also bills that would provide tax breaks for property that is used for these courses. We're also looking for sponsors for legislation that would allow the use of accent lighting while moving as a way to increase visibility at night, and also for legislation that would legalize "blue dot" taillight lenses. Currently they're not legal unless the bike was originally equipped with them, and even though odds are you'd never get pulled over for running them, it would just remove the temptation for LEO's to use it as probable cause.

In DC, the EPA has been backpedaling on E-15 yet again. They recently released a statement saying that the market for ethanol blends has been shrinking, and the goal of having E-15 widely available by 2014 will likely not be met. They also said that pumping E-15 into engines not approved for it is illegal and could result in a prison sentence! Amazing. The only way that would happen is by

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abatesafetyandeducation@hotmail.com

Member View Point

By: Dan

Hey everyone, hope you are enjoying the cooler weather and the great riding that comes along with it. Just a reminder to be extra careful once the farmers hit the fields, critters both large and small will be on the move. Be prepared to avoid them.

I wanted to extend a great kudos to everyone who helped plan, work at, and make the Hooters and Scooters run a success this year. After my fall, I haven't been able to ride this summer and I feel bad that I didn't do a damn thing to help out. But those of you who did really deserve a "Thank You" from the entire chapter. Ebs, Pam, TC, and everyone involved "Good Job!"

As I mentioned on our FB page, in the week after H&S our page had over 6300 "hits" and all the feedback was positive, that is a great stat. I'm putting this note in the chapter newsletter because I prefer that it be read by our chapter members, not everyone else that checks our page. As nice as the turnout was for H&S, I was disappointed in the number of members who didn't show. I know that many of us have to work on Saturdays, that is perfectly understandable. But keep in mind that the chapter really

only has two big fundraisers during the year, the book run and H&S. Is it really that difficult to come out the one day a year when we ask you to come out, drop your \$15 to help the chapter and have a great ride with your friends for that one low price? The chapter needs those funds to support motorcycle rights organizations throughout Illinois and in Washington DC. Those funds are also used here to pay for events like the Cabin fever party, the cookout meetings, and oh yeah...those bright shiny "Start Seeing Motorcycles" signs flashing around Joliet in May, those aren't free! Enough of my rave, please circle the date on your calendar for next year.. all together now "The first Saturday after Labor Day".

Lastly, thanks for keeping our page and our message a positive one. Over the last few weeks I've seen a few other groups hit by a case of the bitchiness that was shared with the public and it didn't need to be. One page operator had to threaten to shut down a page because of all the negativity being thrown back and forth and it really had nothing to do with her page. Keep it positive and people will notice!

Looking forward to spending more time on two wheels!

Dan

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/>

2nd Annual

What: Decorate a Bra for Breast Cancer

When: October 26th 2013@ 1:00pm - till 5:00 drawing for the prizes

Where: Knights of Columbus - 100 Infantry Drive - Joliet, IL (815-725-0746)

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Decorate: it with your favorite football team, Mardi Gra, Halloween, Harley, your business or club you name it (but please keep it clean)!

Entry Fee: \$10.00 for each BRA submitted (**NEW** this year we have BRAS that you can purchase from us for \$10.00 -we have a limited amount of Bras that we have so first come first served - **GET** one before its **GONE**)

\$5.00 cover charge if you did not decorate a Bra

All MONEY (after expenses) that is raised will go to a needy person(s) **within** the local Will/Cook county area...

The **BRAS** can be brought to the Knights on the day of the EVENT (OCT 26th) or call and we will pick it up.....**PLEASE** the money is going to some very worthy people!!

Any questions please...call Cheryl @ 630-816-0729

or email @ cbrock311@hotmail.com

Annual End of the year Book Run Party
Sat, October 12, 2013
American Legion Harwood Post
705 S. Larkin Ave. Joliet
Starts at 6 pm

Entertainment by Harvest Moon
Food by Mr. Ed
Door prizes



Cash prizes for those that completed the book.

Ticket is in the back of your book.
Be sure to take out the ticket before turning
your books into Will County ABATE.

Contact pam@willcoabate.org to purchase ad-
ditional tickets for \$15 a person.
Must be purchased by Oct. 7th
so contact her now.

Membership

By: Helen

Hello Everyone,

I sent out a lot of renewal notices and received quite a few back. Our membership is declining without your renewal. I am hoping that the rest of you will return you envelopes to me. They say "Chapter Renewal" and the return address is to Will County. We

have 15 that did not renew in July and 20 from June. Those are some big numbers for us. After updating my list with all of the renewals and new members we are at 340. So please, please send in your renewal, we need you. Thanks for everything and stay safe. hln

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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?

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accident; no one is intentionally going to destroy their engine, unless it's some teenage spud trying to make a You tube video! And in the typical bureaucratic tradition of deflecting blame, the EPA said that E-15 wasn't their idea anyway; they were just following Congress' Renewable Fuels mandate. Of course, now that the truth has come out about the damage E-15 causes, several members of Congress have introduced bills to halt the selling of the crap. Doesn't matter—there's enough blame to go around, and we really, really need to get sponsors and support for HR875, which

would mandate independent testing to determine just how bad this stuff is. I know I sound like a broken record, but if you haven't done so already, *please* call, write, or e-mail your congressman and ask for their help. We need to stop the further spread of this while there's still time!

Until next month, enjoy every ride—winter's coming!

Brian,
Legislative Curmudgeon

"Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools because they have to say something."-- Plato



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October 2 @ 7:00pm Officers meeting
((((Harwood Post))))

October 6 Sunday @ 12 Noon General meeting*
2014 Officer Nominations
Mileage Contest check out-end

October 12 Book Run Party
See more info on page 10

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

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

* Harwood Post

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hazard.org or call
800-257-4337 and report it

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 _____

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Completed a MSF Course (1) _____ (2) _____ Where did you hear about ABATE? _____

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Signature(s) _____

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