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

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# 2012 Hooters & Scooters Run



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**President:**

**Dan**

Here it is the middle of September and I can hardly believe that the summer is mostly done with; I guess time does fly as we get a bit older. This past month has been an active one with a successful lunch run to Vino's and Chrome Rack and then on to Mr. B's. Thanks to everyone who came along and especially to Bobbie, Jim, and TC for organizing and leading the run.

Just last weekend we hosted and staged the Hooters and Scooters run 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition and it was an amazing success. I have been on quite a few of these and don't remember many that were as well attended.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help out in many ways, from registering people, parking people, selling merchandise and tickets, to our volunteer DJ's, our road crew, and everyone who attended! Your presence allows us to pay for the myriad of activities we have, and to support the organizations that fight for our rights as motorcyclists. Your support is greatly appreciated by your board and by the chapter as a whole.

Also by the time you see this we will have had our September meeting featuring pulled pork sammiches by Mr. Ed. Thanks to Ed for his efforts, this one involved more than just throwing some burgers on the grill.

October 6<sup>th</sup> is our Book Run Party event at the Post, come out and enjoy some dinner drinks and maybe some dancing and/or Karaoke with your friends. Also enter to win cash prizes. We have had issues with a few of the establishments not being open very often. That has been brought to our attention and will be dealt with.

Also at next months meeting we will have nominations open for people wishing to seek board positions. If this interests you, please step up, we can always use fresh ideas and bodies on our board!

Lastly, while riding season might be coming to it's zenith, safety season is not. Once again one of our members was involved in a serious accident and is suffering from it. Join me in wishing Larry "Boss" a speedy recovery and be ever vigilant when riding. Your life does depend on it.

Til next month,  
Ride safe, Ride often!

Dan

Interested in getting more involved.

Would you like to know what is involved in  
volunteering?

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### ILLINOIS SENATOR

	<b>19<sup>TH</sup> SENATE</b>
NR	D MICHAEL HASTINGS
NR	R EDGAR MONTALVO
	<b>38<sup>TH</sup> SENATE</b>
D	D CHRISTINE BENSON
B+	<b>R SUE REZIN</b>
	<b>40<sup>TH</sup> SENATE</b>
A	<b>D TOI HUTCHINSON (i)</b>
NR	R JOSEPH MARSHALL
	<b>41<sup>ST</sup> SENATE</b>
A	R CHRISTINE RADOGNO
	<b>42<sup>ND</sup> SENATE</b>
A	<b>D LINDA HOLMES (i)</b>
NR	R PETER HURTADO
	<b>43<sup>RD</sup> SENATE</b>
B-	<b>D PAT McGUIRE</b>
NR	R SANDY JOHNSON
	<b>49<sup>TH</sup> SENATE</b>
C-	D JENNIFER BERTINO-TARRANT
B	<b>R GARRETT PECK</b>

### ILLINOIS HOUSE

	<b>37<sup>TH</sup> REPRESENTATIVE</b>
B+	<b>R RENEE KOSEL</b>
	<b>40<sup>TH</sup> REPRESENTATIVE</b>
B-	<b>D DEBORAH MELL (i)</b>
NR	R ANTOINETTE PUCCIO-JOHNSON
	<b>75<sup>TH</sup> REPRESENTATIVE</b>
NR	D JEREMY LY
A-	<b>R PAM ROTH (i)</b>
	<b>82<sup>ND</sup> REPRESENTATIVE</b>
A-	R JIM DURKIN (i)
	<b>85<sup>TH</sup> REPRESENTATIVE</b>
B	D EMILY McASEY
	<b>86<sup>TH</sup> REPRESENTATIVE</b>
C-	D LAWRENCE WALSH
C	R RYAN ALM
	<b>97<sup>TH</sup> REPRESENTATIVE</b>
A+	R TOM CROSS
	<b>98<sup>TH</sup> REPRESENTATIVE</b>
NR	D NATALIE MANLEY
B	<b>R ROBERT KALNICKY</b>

### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**Representative Judy Biggert - 11th Congressional District**

**Representative Randy Hultgren - 14th Congressional District**

*All races are graded, endorsement awarded and preceding pages paid for by ABATE PAC. A copy of our report, filed with the State Board of Election is (or will be) available on the Board's website ([www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov)) or for purchase from the State Board of Election, Springfield, Illinois.*

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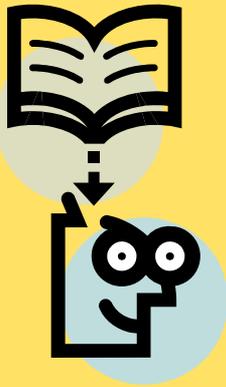
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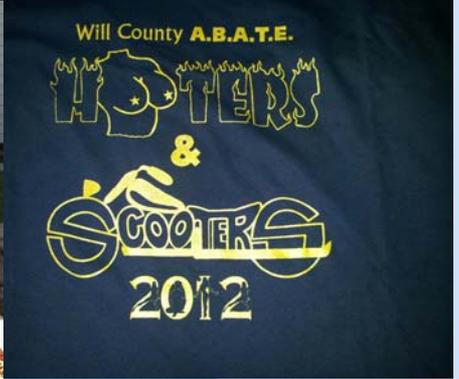
## *October & November Officer Nominations Months*

*Interested in a position,  
attend an officers meeting, ask  
questions, email any  
officer to inquiry about a  
position you are  
interested in.*



*Don't have time to be an  
elected officer, ask to be  
an officers backup. Learn from  
the officer what it takes to do  
their volunteer position.*

*Remember it takes members like  
you to help run this  
chapter.*





**Legislative:**

**Joan &**

**Brian**



Greetings, Will County  
ABATE—

A quick reminder that voter registration for the Nov. election continues until Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't registered yet, be sure and do it. There are several races that will literally shape our future as motorcyclists, and we need all the votes we can muster. If you need help, see me after the meeting. And on that note, we've included a condensed version of the ABATE voter's guide in this month's newsletter. It only lists the races in our area, and its small enough to take with you into the voting booth. I've said it before, but I'm going to say it again: The issues and problems facing our state and country are many and they're complex. I realize it's simplistic to expect anyone to vote for a candidate based on his views on one issue. But do your homework, and if his or her positions are somewhat tolerable overall and he's pro-motorcycle to boot, give 'em a chance. You have to vote your conscience, but the main thing is VOTE!

The latest federal agency to pick up the pro-helmet banner is, in-

credibly, the Centers for Disease Control. Yep, the same people who track West Nile and Swine Flu cases have declared that un-helmeted motorcyclists are an "epidemic" that must be contained. The so-called "study" they conducted is merely a collection of statistics gleaned from other studies conducted in the past and has no new information. The figures they use to support their position are arbitrary and have no basis in fact. For instance, they claim the US saved \$3 billion due to helmet use, but have nothing to support that claim. A member of ABATE of Virginia wrote them asking for a breakdown of which parts of the body sustained injury in fatal crashes—pretty basic stuff. The CDC admitted they didn't have that information, and claimed, rightly, that most motorcycle fatalities were the result of injuries to multiple parts of the body, and there was no effort made to determine the primary cause of death. All rightly then, another effort to save us from ourselves with no supporting data. Two years ago, the NTSB was trying to save us. Before that it was NHTSA. Maybe next year it'll be the IRS. Another area of concern that ties

into this is the new healthcare reform act. It's conceivable that once the Feds get control of health insurance, they'll refuse to cover injuries from all sorts of activities they consider "too dangerous." Already, the American Motorcyclist Association has been inundated with emails from employees of a Pittsburgh company that won't cover motorcycle-related injuries beginning next year. This may be just the beginning.

The MRF reports that Dr. Samir Ahmed, the chief engineer of the Federal Highway Administration's motorcycle crash causation study, has resigned. Due to spiraling costs, the initial goal of investigating 1200 crashes has been abandoned, with fewer than 120 crashes as the current goal, which is just too small to be useful. Dr. Ahmed says he has

"serious reservations" about the study, and his expectations are "very low." Well, of course. That's what happens when bureaucrats are involved. But there just wasn't enough private funding to conduct a study, so we'll just have to see what comes out of this one.

Once again, I'm stressing the importance of helping those candidates who've helped us in the past, or who'll support us when elected. A couple hours of your time, whether riding in a parade, making or planting signs, or attending a fundraiser (on ABATE'S dime) seems like a pretty good trade-off for an unrestricted motorcycling environment!

**SEE VOTERS GUIDE  
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**State BOD  
Representative**  
By: Jackie

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**Hello My Biker Friends!**

I would like to let everyone know that the State Eboard has no accepted nominations so far, for Newsletter and Public Relations for next term, 2013.

If you are interested in being nominated for either of these positions, please contact me, (815-693-1597) or Jay at (815-693-6645).

The next BOD meeting is October 20. If you are interested in being nominated, please make sure you let us know before the BOD meeting.

Until October....

**Ride Smart!!!**  
-jackie s  
Your State BOD Rep



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# Mark Your Calendars

## Upcoming Meetings & Events:

October 4 @ 7pm Officers meeting  
October 6 @ 6pm-11pm Book Run Party  
October 14 Sunday @ 12:00Noon Meeting  
(officer nominations)

November 1 @ 7pm Officers meeting  
November 7 @ 7:30pm meeting  
(officer nominations)

All are at the Harwood Post (I80 & Larkin)



### Activities

By Bobbie

Hi, Everyone

We had our lunch run on August 19, to Vino's. I would like to thank everyone that came out. We had about 40 people; and Thank you Jim and TC for leading the way.

Hooters and Scooters was a big success over 400 people. It was such a beautiful day to ride, so I was told. To bad my Bike wouldn't

start that morning. I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped out that day. We could not have done it without all of you.

Remember to get your Books in for the Book Run before Oct 1. You can turn them in at Harwood Post or mail them to Will County Abate P.O. Box 928 Plainfield IL. 60544 Book Run Party October 6, 6 PM. Harwood Post.

Thanks again,  
Bobbie



## Safety and Education

By: John

Schools are being called and emailed. As of this writing, we have our first few presentations scheduled. I also, hopefully, have a new in or two at both Lockport and Joliet Central High Schools. As always, if anyone wants to help, please drop me an email, call, or see me at a meeting.

As I write this, fall is officially about 1 week away. It's my favorite time of year to ride. The

air is cool, crisp and clear. The leaves are changing and the sky seems a brighter shade of blue. It is a season that stresses the importance of dressing in layers. Today, the morning temperature was around 55 degrees; it's about 75 now. Having a few layers on can mean the difference between a great fall ride and a miserable time. Having just one more layer, either later at night or early in the morning, could also mean avoiding hypothermia. It also doesn't hurt to have gloves for different seasons in the saddlebags. Cold hands can't manipulate the controls as easily as warm hands.



Look at what you can inspire!

This could be you informing the younger drivers to watch out for motorcycles



**Membership:**

**Helen**

Well we had another successful Hooter's & Scooter's run. The weather was perfect. Our current membership is now at 406 and hopefully still growing. Thanks to everyone for bringing in new members. There are still more good riding days ahead so don't

forget to carry some applications on your bike.

**DID YOU KNOW:** You need to be a member in good standing in order to vote for officers? Elections are coming up in December. If you wish to run for an office or vote for the candidate of your choice please make sure your membership has not expired.

# Most Wanted

November

October

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SHARON  
CHRISTOPHER  
JOYCE  
YVETTE  
ANDY  
ROBERT  
MITCH  
MAX  
CHRISTINE  
MICHAEL

Member's last names are published only in the printed version of the newsletter.

See the printed newsletter for the names of members coming up for renewal.

***For All Membership: Helen @ Willcoabate.org***