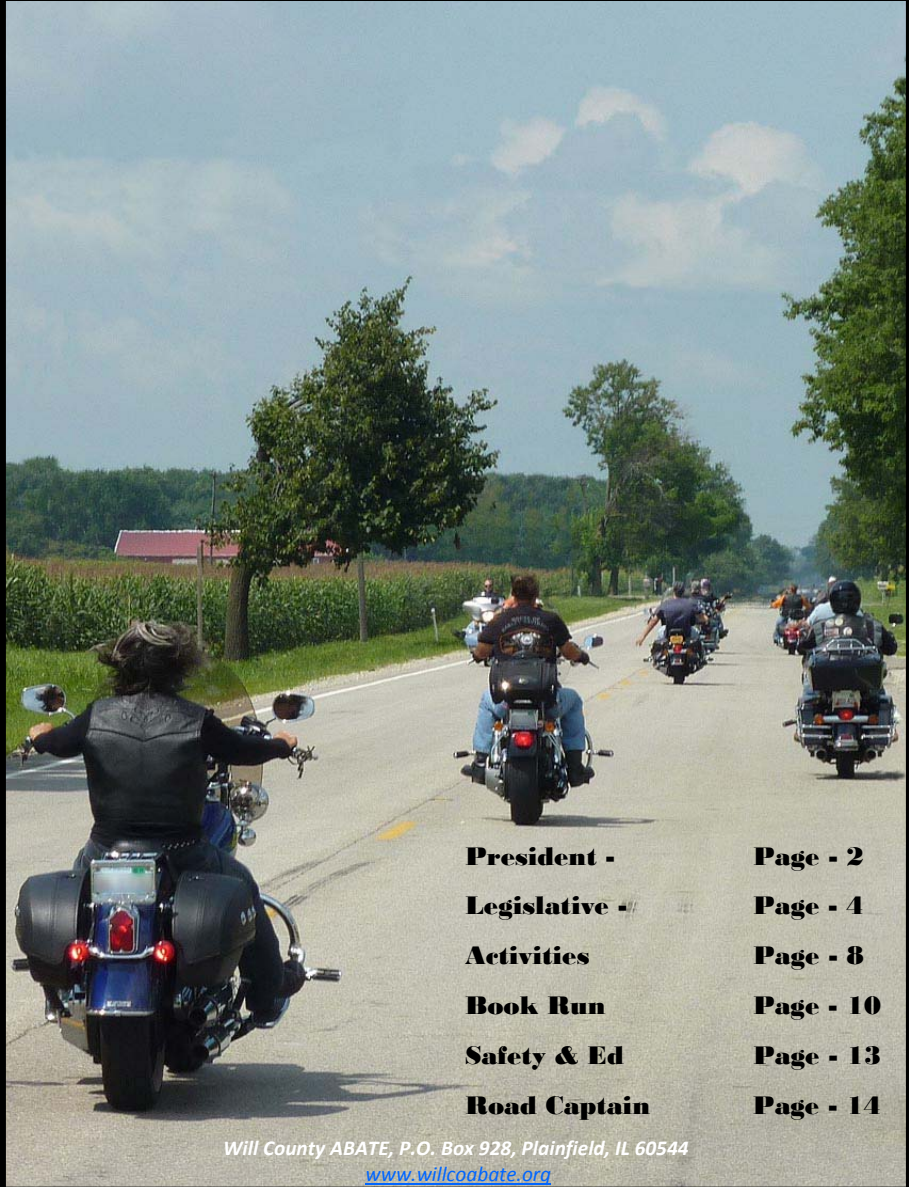


April 2011
Monthly Newsletter



A Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.
WILL COUNTY A.B.A.T.E.
A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education



President -	Page - 2
Legislative -	Page - 4
Activities	Page - 8
Book Run	Page - 10
Safety & Ed	Page - 13
Road Captain	Page - 14

Will County ABATE, P.O. Box 928, Plainfield, IL 60544

www.willcoabate.org



President: Al

On legislative day 16 of us went down state to educate our representatives about ABATE. Thanks to our Legislative Officer Brian, our appointments with the elected officials had been scheduled out for the day. They were:
Sen. A.J. Wilhelmi
Sen. Linda Holmes
Rep. Jack Mcquire,
Sen. Christine Radogno
Rep. Tom Cross
Rep. Mary Flowers

Of all that we had seen that day Rep. Mary Flowers was the only one that needed education on ABATE. Dan took the time to see her and educated her on ABATE and what we are about. Thank you Dan for doing this.

Throughout the years we will have to keep educating all about what we represent. With new people being elected each year, it's what we have to do. Not everyone knows what we do but us. So we have to reach out to everyone that we can. By doing this in numbers and with all chapters

the reach of educating them about us is greater.

At the reception, the time we spent seeing and talking with other chapters was great and fun. Making our chapter presence was not hard to do, everyone knows our chapter very well. Seven of our local legislator's stopped by to acknowledge Will County, including: Debbie Halvorson, Kay Hatcher, Emily Mcasey, Kirk Dillard and Renee Kosel. We make a big impression to all, especially when we bring the numbers of members with us, lets bring more next year and educate even more.

A big thanks goes out to: Vi, Brian, Randy, Billy & Judie, Pam & Mike, Jim & Sandy, Maxx, George, Tom, Dan, Mike, Marty, Al, for taking the time and doing this that day. Lets keep educating the people, its our right as Americans for our right to freedom. Without speaking up and out they'll run right over us and we'll have no right's at all for all. Land of the free for the people.

Check the news letter and our web site for up coming events for this year. Come on out and have fun with the chapter members, don't be shy come have some fun in the sun.

Thanks to Jay for his donation at the cabin fever party that

helped with the expense of sending the 16 people down state for the day. A special thanks to the members of Will County ABATE for allowing everything we do as a chapter to be as successful as we are.

Your Pres. AL





Legislative: Brian

Hello, Will County Chapter,

First, a BIG "thank you" to all the members who went to the Statehouse for ABATE Legislative Day: Tom, Maxx, Al, Shy Vi, Billy & Judie, Marty, Dan, Mike & Pam, Mike, George, Randy, and Jim & Sandi. These people did a spectacular job of presenting ABATE's opinion of the bills affecting us. Several of us can't even get on a bike without severe pain, but we endured a day of walking, standing, and stair-climbing because we know how important personal contact is when it comes to preserving our rights. We

were able to meet with all seven of the legislators whose districts include a piece of Will County, plus a bunch who WISH their districts included a piece of Will County! Dan even followed up on a promise from Mary Flowers for a face-to-face, and it seems he was able to open her eyes about motorcycle safety--she hasn't pushed her helmet bills since then. Coincidence? Time will tell. For us to have so many State Senators and Representatives on our side is quite an accomplishment--comments such as "I've supported your agenda in the past, and see no need for that to change in the future" were pretty common. But we need to repay that support at campaign time; we don't have deep pockets, but we do have people-power, so when it's time to ride in parades or put signs together, remember

KALBO'S EST
1979 

PERFORMANCE CYCLE INC.
SALES & SERVICE

Best Deals In Town

~ Professional Mechanics ~ Complete IN-HOUSE Machine Shop
~ Custom Harleys Built To Order ~ Tune Ups To Nitro Engines
~ Frame Straightening ~ Consignment Sales ~ Leather & Collectibles

JOLIET'S Friendliest Complete One Stop Custom Harley Shop

*Stop-In and See Our Leather Shop
Packed with Leather and Collectibles*

Owner – Kevin "Kalbo" Ruth
931 Plainfield Rd., Joliet, IL ~ 815/727-2512
www.kalbosperformancecycle.com

ABATE MEMBERS DON'T FORGET TO ASK FOR YOUR ABATE DISCOUNT!
(Must show card.)

these elected officials and volunteer!

Here's the most current information on bills we're watching as of mid-March:

SB55--Silverstein's bicycle helmet bill--Sponsor postponed

SB57--Silverstein's ski helmet bill--Held in committee

SB1291--Year-round ABATE license plates--Passed out of committee; goes to full Senate

SB1380--Forbids State Police from setting ticket quotas--Sponsor did not call; cites "problem" with ISP opposition

HB285--Flowers' 26 and younger helmet bill--Sponsor did not call

HB290--Flowers' all-ages helmet bill--Sponsor did not call

HB292--Flowers' youth ATV ban--Sent to Subcommittee on Education Finance, where it will probably die

HB1914--Forbids fund sweeps--Passed out of committee; goes to full House--Speaker Madigan opposes

HB1979--Expands the definition of "gasohol" to include 15% ethanol--passes out of committee despite opposition from refiners, gas station owners, ABATE, and others--goes to full House

HB2860--Would allow motorcycles and bicycles to treat red lights or left-turn arrows the same as stop signs if the sensors don't detect the vehicle--passes out of committee 6-1; goes to full House

In Washington, the list of co-sponsors is still growing for HR412, Rep. Rehberg's "Kids Just Want to Ride" Act. This would amend the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act to exclude off-road motor-

bikes and cycles, and ATVs. Without this change, these vehicles, as well as replacement parts, would be banned. Tom, Maxx, and myself have talked with 11th District Rep. Adam Kinzinger at different times about co-sponsoring this bill. He kept his promise and signed on, saying "banning children from using appropriate child-sized off-highway vehicles prevents kids from using the proper vehicles that were designed to keep them safe." We need to work on other members of the Illinois Congressional delegation--the more co-sponsors a bill has, the better its chances of passing, and the clock is running.

If you remember, the day after Congress adjourned for Christmas, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar signed Secretarial Order 3310; this creates a new land-use designation--"Wild Lands." This accomplishes what Sen. Harry Reid couldn't, going right around Congress. Reid wanted to put up to 245 million acres of public land off-limits to off-road vehicles by classifying them as "wilderness," which is a designation that must be approved by Congress. Salazar single-handedly created a new classification, "wild lands," and grabbed up those lands without any input from Congress, Governors, State Legislatures, or the general public. Naturally, this didn't sit well with most of the members of Congress, which likes more authority, not less. There's been some serious talk about cutting off funding for the Bureau of Land Management, the forced resignation of Sec. Salazar, and other actions designed to thwart the Obama administration's (probably unconstitutional) tactic of unilaterally changing laws without the legislative process.

Continued on page 7



SUNDAY - BLOODY MARY BAR
PLENTY OF BIKE PARKING
COVERED OUTDOOR SMOKING AREA
KARAOKE - EVERY WED & SAT@ 9:30PM

CHECK OUT OUR DAILY SPECIALS

STOP IN EARLY ON SATURDAY MORNINGS
WE OPEN AT 8am

DOUBLE "J" IS ON THE BOOK RUN THIS YEAR

OUTDOOR PARTIES WELCOME

MEMBER OF ABATE SINCE 2003

WWW.DOUBLEJSPOUNTSBAR.COM

OPEN:
MON - THURS 10am - 2am
FRIDAY 10am - 3am
SATURDAY 8am - 3am
SUNDAY 11am - 2am

Speaking of unilaterally changing laws, David Strickland, the head of NHTSA, unveiled his 2012 budget. This agency, which falls under the authority of the Dept. of Transportation, asked for \$680 million for its highway safety campaign. The problem is buried in the fine print--\$7 million for lobbying the states to get on board a push for a national helmet law. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has previously said the Obama Administration believes that this is a "states issue," but we'll see whether he insists on the removal of this money from the budget.

This information is current as of March 18, but the next couple months are sure to bring a lot of surprises as the State Legislature gets closer to adjournment and the Federal government gets closer to a threatened "shutdown," so I'll be

posting updates and calls to action at a furious rate. But you can also keep yourselves informed. Go to the Legislative section of our website, www.willcoabate.org and you'll find links to MRF and AMA bulletins, as well as ABATE's "Ondgo" alerts.

Till next month, ride safe--it's been awhile.

Brian

Legislative Curmudgeon

"Happiness is that warm, pleasant sensation one experiences when comparing your life with the misfortunes of others."--Ambrose Bierce, another (better known) curmudgeon.

Will County A.B.A.T.E. Officer's email

President	Al	al@willcoabate.org
Vice President	Vi	vi@willcoabate.org
Treasurer	Pat	pat@willcoabate.org
Secretary	Paul	paul@willcoabate.org
Legislative	Brian	brian@willcoabate.org
Activities	Barb	barb@willcoabate.org
State Rep	Randy	randy@willcoabate.org
Editor	John	john@willcoabate.org
Merchandise	Sandi	sandi@willcoabate.org
Safety & Ed	Monty	monty@willcoabate.org
Membership	Helen	helen@willcoabate.org
Road Captain	Jim	jim@willcoabate.org
Sgt. At Arms	Mike	mike@willcoabate.org

**Barb,
Activities**

Hi everyone!

Well warm weather was with us for our triathlon on March 13th! Congrats to all the winners and thank you to all of you who came out and played or showed your support.

I have been posting pictures of all the events on our Facebook page be sure to check them out.

Our next event will be April 23rd for candle light bowl at Town and County on Jefferson in Joliet. Please call me if your interested in bowling Registration starts at 8:30.

O April 29th our next members night out will be at Westside tap

Remember this is your chapter If you have an idea please feel free to bring it to me. This is your chapter lets do the things you want to do.

Our first 2 chapter rides are planned

MAY 7th (SAT) Lunch ride to JK HARRISON Leave the Dale in Rockdale @ 1230 sharp and on to Freaks Place after lunch

MAY 22(SUN) leaving RJ'S AT 11 am we will be doing book run stops Please be fueled up and READY TO RIDE!!!

Much Thanks

Barb

Upcoming Events

April

- 10 General meeting at the post - 12noon
- 23 Candle Light bowl - Town & Country 8:30pm
- 29 Members Night Out West Side Tap 7pm

May

- 1 Freedom Rally - Time TBA - IDOT, Springfield
- 4 Board Meeting 7pm at the Post
- 7 Lunch Run - Starts at The Dale 12:30
- 11 General Meeting at the Post 7:30 (Anniversary)
- 22 Book Run - Starts at RJ's 11am

June

- 6 Board Meeting 7pm at the Post
- 8 General Meeting at the Post 7:30pm
- 24-26 ABATE of Illinois State Party - Effingham

ADVANTAGE

CHEVROLET



BOLINGBROOK

\$14.95

Oil Change and Lubrication

***INCLUDES UP TO 5 QUARTS CORRECT GRADE AND VISCOSITY OIL AND ACDELCO OIL FILTER.**

***LUBRICATE, CHASSIS, DOOR & HOOD HINGES, HOOD LATCH.**

VALID ON MOST GM VEHICLES. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER. PRICE MAY VARY FOR SOME MODELS. EXCLUDES DIESELS AND SYNTHETICS. PLUS TAX.

\$39.95

OIL CHANGE * 4-TIRE ROTATION * 27-POINT INSPECTIONS

***INCLUDES UP TO 5 QUARTS CORRECT GRADE AND VISCOSITY OIL AND ACDELCO OIL FILTER.**

***CHECK TIRE INFLATION AND ADJUST AS NEEDED**

***INSPECT TIRES FOR DAMAGE OR EXCESSIVE WEAR.**

***ROTATE TIRES**

***27-POINT INSPECTIONS, INCLUDING:**

CHECK FLUID LEVELS,

CHECK STEERING, SUSPENSION, WIPER BLADES, EXHAUST, BRAKES, BELTS AND HOSES.

EXCLUDES DIESELS ENGINES, SYNTHETIC OIL, SAAB AND SELECT VEHICLES. MORE THAN 6 QUARTS OF OIL, BALANCING TIRES AND TAX. EXTRA. PRICE MAY VARY FOR SOME MODELS. PLUS TAX.

\$99.95

INSTALL ACDELCO DURASTOP CERAMIC FRONT BRAKE PADS ONLY.

TURNING OR REPLACING ROTORS, ALL OTHER SERVICES AND TAX EXTRA. EXCLUDES CORVETTES, SAABS AND OTHER SELECT VEHICLES. RETAIL CUSTOMERS ONLY. ASK US ABOUT ELIGIBLE VEHICLES, DETAILS AND REBATE FORM. PRICE MAY VARY ON SOME MODELS.

\$20 OFF

SERVICE WILD CARD!

FOR ALL A.B.A.T.E. MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING!

SAVE ON ANY SERVICE AVAILABLE IN OUR SERVICE DEPT.

NOT VALID FOR INSURANCE WORK, WARRANTY, OTHER COUPON OFFERS OR OTHER SERVICE SPECIALS. PLUS TAX, IF APPLICABLE. NOT VALID WITH OTHER OFFERS. COUPON VALID AT VEHICLE CHECK IN.

ADVANTAGE CHEVROLET OF BOLINGBROOK

SEE DOUG STEEN!
115 W. Frontage Rd. South
Bolingbrook, IL 60440-0000
630-759-5600
www.AdvantageChevBB.com



www.facebook.com/AdvantageChevBB

Monday	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

Book Run Committee Chair

Pam

Will County ABATE Book Run
2011

It's riding season!! And once again, Will County ABATE has planned some great riding venues for our members to visit with our Annual Book Run.

First of all, thank you goes out to our President Al for appointing me as the Book Run Chairman. It has been fun and the run hasn't even started yet. I would also like to thank the committee, Michael, Jim & Sandi, Randy, Ellen, Susan & Brian and Karen.

The committee had a short notice to get this all pulled together and ready for you to enjoy by April but we work better under pressure. We have some exciting changes to the book run this year. New are Ad sponsors and I would like to thank them for their support to Will County ABATE:

Kozol Brothers, Inc. our local distributors of Miller products

Conrad's Harley Davidson

**Karen (one of our members)
owner of My Sin Bin Online**

**Jan with Wazowski & Sullivan
Home Finance.**

We have included in the book run this year a total of 40 establishments, 34 regular bars and 6 bonus stops including 13 new bars this year. We have you traveling from Danville to Savanna and across the state going from IN to IA. There are sports bar, blues bars, biker bars, bars on water and lots of bars with great food! I'm so excited I can't wait to get out there and ride, aren't you?

So on April 16th stop at any of the regular stops and purchase your book(s) for \$15 per person. You then have from April 16th till October 12th to visit all of the bars and get your book(s) stamped. A whole season of fun!

Our Road Captain Jim has laid the bars out in the book into loops for your riding pleasure. There is approx 727 miles of riding to the regular establishments and additional 700 miles if you visit all of our bonus stops.

The committee has made sure everything you need is inside the book. The book contains your ticket for the end of the year party, the official rules, an index of the bars, the bar ads, sponsorship ads, holiday schedules that include bar closures and an opinion page so you can let us know what you thought of the stops.

You can also find out more information on the Will County ABATE website, Facebook and our yahoo group. We have included symbols for food, Facebook and my space.

The social media avenues will keep us informed of the bars events so we can keep up-to-date with changes that may occur. I now have over 20 bars as my friends on Facebook; my husband is starting to get concerned.

You can take a sneak peek at the stops by visiting the Will County A.B.A.T.E. website at <http://www.willcoabate.org/event.html>.

Also keep your eyes and ears open because we will see how observant everyone is at the end of the year. Your memory will be tested about unique things in the different locations.

And the last thing I want to mention is that we would love to see all the fun you had while visiting our partners in the run. So snap a picture while visiting and throughout or at the end of the season get me the photos, either electronically or on a disk and we will highlight them at the party.

Remember life is an open road, and time is flying by so grab your books and let's start this ride!

Pam
Book Run Committee Chair

***BOOK RUN STOPS
LISTED ON PAGE 12***



Chuck Grimm (Realtor)
CENTURY 21 Danek Realty

24724 W. Eames (Rt. 6)

Channahon, IL 60410

www.ChuckGrimm.com

Chuck.Grimm@century21.com

Office: 815-521-0055

Fax: 815-521-9149

Cell: 815-351-5485



For assistance with all your Real Estate needs:
Commercial, Residential, Buying, Selling,
Investment and Relocation. Call me. *Chuck*

2011 BOOK RUN STOPS

American Legion Harwood Post	Joliet	IL
B&B Riverfront	Joliet	IL
Babes Tap	Coal City	IL
Bears Den	Amboy	IL
Bit O' Blarney Pub	Manhattan	IL
Double "J" Sports Bar	Joliet	IL
FAT DADDY'Z Bar & Grill	Seneca	IL
Fireside Lounge	Naplate	IL
Fran's on 17	Kankakee	IL
Freakster's Roadhouse	Wilmington	IL
Fritzs Pour House	Joliet	IL
Goose Lake Bar	Morris	IL
H20 Bar & Grill	Seneca	IL
Hilltop Firepit	Marseilles	IL
Hink's Bar & Grill	Sycamore	IL
J.K. Harrison's Pub & Grill	Braceville	IL
Jackie's Pub	Lockport	IL
Jones-eez Bar-B-Que	Braidwood	IL
Knight Ryders Pub	Spring Valley	IL
Last Chance Saloon	Millington	IL
Leo's Bar and Grill	Romeoville	IL
Mr. B's Bar & Grill	Elwood	IL
Office The	Channahon	IL
On the Rox	Kankakee	IL
RJ's Place	Rockdale	IL
Sandtrap	Gibson City	IL
Sling Shots Saloon	Cullom	IL
Smitty's Bar & Grill	Leonore	IL
Softails Bar & Grill	Ladd	IL
Sollitt Tap	Grant Park	IL
Traxx Sports Bar & Grill	Grant Park	IL
Vino's Bar & Grill	Gardner	IL
Westside Tap	Joliet	IL
Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon	Joliet	IL

BONUS STOPS

Friendly Tavern	Danville	IL
Love The View Restaurant and Lounge	Cedar Lake	IN
Muddy Waters	Bettendorf	IA
Nooners Pub	Bloomington	IL
Poopys	Savanna	IL
Wallace Trading Post	Oakford	IL



**Safety and Ed -
Monty**

Well friends,

Sorry I didn't have an article last month. Been very busy with work and other things. The year has started and we have already done 3 presentations teaching almost 350 kids. Minooka is scheduled for March 16 and March 17. That is another 275 students.

I am searching for at least two or three more instructors to handle the schools that we have in the program. Teaching the kids is a very rewarding thing. I have kids come up to me in the mall or at the local department store and say, "Hey, you're the Motorcycle

Dude". It is great when you say something that makes a difference in a new driver's life.

I am thinking about trying to set up Assembly's at school to hit the entire school body rather than just the Sophomores. That way a student could possibly hear the Motorcycle Awareness presentation 4 times during their entire High School career.

If anyone has other suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Riding season is coming upon us very soon.....be sure you do your safety checks on your bikes and as always, Ride Safe!

Monty

State Bike Raffle Tickets!

My fellow abate members:
Just want to let you all know I have the State Bike Raffle Tickets. If you would like to purchase some, I am going to try to be at all of the member night outs this year as well as the membership meetings. You may also reach me at spivey24205@comcast.net or 815-693-1597. 5% of the proceeds come back to our chapter. Each ticket is ONLY \$5 each.

Jackie Spivey

Road Captain - Jim

Hello Everyone,
Many of you have probably already done your routine prep on your scooters for this riding season. If not it's time to get-er-done; check the tires, battery, fuel lines etc.

I think we are going to have a great year. The Book Run is out, Pam did an excellent job as well as the rest of the committee. Barb has already planned a lunch run for May 7th that will be leaving from the Dale A.C. at 12:30. the club opens at 10:00am and she has another scheduled for May 22nd leaving from R.J's. So things are starting to pick up. As always please be careful out there keeping the group rides safe is going to be my priority and should be your as well.

We will run through some safety tips before each run and any questions or advice will be more than welcome.

CMA Kingdom Riders are forming chapter, refresh your motorcycle skills & enjoy the chili cook-off. Saturday April 9th , 9am New Life Christian

Church 500 S. Gougar Rd. New Lenox. All bikes welcome. Refresher course will start at 10am. There will be a chili cook-off with a prize for the best chili. Will also be serving hotdogs, chips, cookies and drinks for purchase. Bring your friends and family for a full day of fun. A great way to meet other bikers. Questions please call Gene at 815-474-4008. Al and I will lead a group out to this if you are interested please let me or Al know we'll set a meeting place and go together. That's it for now be safe out there. And always remember when ever possible Right In Right Out. Have a great and safe riding year.

*Your Road Captain,
Jim*

