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

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President: Jay

Hello Everyone,

Jackie and I returned from the Sate Seminar in Springfield yesterday.

It was informative as always. We would like to thank the Chapter for covering the cost of the officer's rooms. Attendance seemed to be down again as it was last year. The first thing I have noticed over the past couple years is that it is always the same faces and none of us are getting any younger. Drawing the younger riders has been an issue as long as I can remember with this organization. If anyone has any ideas please speak up and let's try it.

The NE Region had their meeting and it was decided to have the one day event to benefit ABATE Pac. I will keep the membership informed on this as it is put together. The break out sessions seemed to be informative as always. A couple of ideas that caught my attention were as follows. One chapter prints and post flyers for their monthly meetings around their area. Hey if we can do it for our events why not for our meetings. Also some members get together in the winter months on Sunday afternoons with a list of former members and give them a call to see why they haven't renewed their membership. Most have found that people just put it off and forgot. This sure sounds easy with a few volunteers. I was disappointed in the ABATE Legal Services session. It was posted as a Q&A from the chapters to ABATE Legal Services but it turned out to be a couple of lawyers telling us our legal rights when we get pulled over. Although this may be useful

information to our members, I do not believe I should be coming back to the chapter and try to relay that. It probably would not turn out good for anyone being pulled over to tell the cop your ABATE President told you that it is your legal right to remain silent. I will be writing Mr. Rod Tailor (ABATE Legal Services) a letter letting him know of my disappointment in his session.

At the banquet Saturday night as always after the awards presentation many chapters made donations to ABATE of Illinois and some of the E-board offices, Pacs, MRF, & the Meeting of the Minds. It sure seemed to me that many chapters donated very generously, a lot more than previous years, and what a great thing to see.

I hope to see everyone at the Feb. 10th meeting.

Ride Safe & Be courteous to others on the road.

Jay





Vice President: Al

Hello! Thank you for electing me Vice President for Will County ABATE.

Our Cabin Fever party was a great success. All of our members had a great time. A lot of new faces attended the party, which was wonderful to see.

The State Seminar will be over by the time you read this. For those that are not aware, the seminar is a great way for all of us to meet, gather and discuss past and present experiences.

The classroom workshops are about educating us as members - running a

successful chapter, holding productive events, and educating us with an outlook towards the future to keep our chapters running and effective. It is not only for officers. I would highly recommend that members come. You never know you may find something interesting or helpful to you.

Our Book Run is in the making as I write this article. This is a great opportunity to see some new establishments, get out and ride and enjoy the scenery.

*Al
Vice President
Will County ABATE*

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Safety & Ed: Monty

Hi all, it's Monty, your Chapter's Safety & Ed Officer. I just wanted to thank everyone for nominating me for this position. I have a passion for Safety and Awareness on Motorcycles. Many years ago I was involved in a very serious accident that I was very fortunate to survive. The cause of the accident was a distracted teenage driver and I want to do everything I can to prevent the same thing from happening to someone else.

I am going to need more volunteers this year. You can volunteer for a day, a few hours or you can adopt a school. Any way that you can help this program succeed is appreciated. I look forward to working with all of our

trainers and I look forward to working with all of our new volunteers. I would like to thank Vi and MJ for building our Safety & Ed program into what it is today. Anyone interested in learning more about our school program can contact me at 630-973-6911.

Till next time,
Monty

**High School
Presentation Schedule**

February 5	Plainfield East
February 12	Plainfield North
April 16	Plainfield East
April 30	Plainfield North

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Legislative: Brian

Greetings, Will County
ABATE!

Ready for a fight?
You'd better be, because

Donne Trotter has filed two helmet bills in the State Senate! I knew John Cullerton was going to try to get a helmet bill passed when I saw him on Channel 7 News stating that he wanted Illinois to be first in the nation in number of traffic-safety laws on the books. But I never expected the bills to be introduced the very next day. I don't know what he's promising Trotter, but Trotter's always ready to do Cullerton's bidding. The bills haven't been assigned to a committee yet, but you can bet Cullerton's going to get them placed where they have the best chance of being sent to the full Senate. If you

want to keep tabs on the bills, they're SB2535 and SB2536. You can go to www.ilga.gov and type in the numbers in the search box, and it'll show you their progress.

ABATE Legislative Day is Thursday, March 11, and if you're serious about protecting your rights, you need to go to Springfield with us. The Chapter is paying for the van, so all it'll cost you is money for lunch. Our presence there DOES make a difference, and the legislators and their staff all know who we are. Last year, the helmet bill was called before the committee for a vote while we were there, and we packed the hearing room. Although the bill passed out of committee, it was obvious that we were going to fight it every step of

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the way, and ultimately we won. But John Cullerton will keep trying, and if he senses apathy on our part, he'll try that much harder. So plan on going with us. Show them we're not willing to concede our rights. I'll have the sign-up sheet at the February meeting, and depending on how many want to go, we'll get either a 12 or 15 passenger van--or two, if we need them!

Federal Issues of Concern

In last month's article, I went over ABATE's state legislative agenda; this month, I'll touch on a few of the federal issues we're concerned with:

1. Closing the HIPAA loophole that allows insurers to deny medical claims if we're hurt while engaging in legal recreational activities.
2. Making sure motorcycling education stays in federal programs, and making sure the NTSB doesn't illegally lobby the states to pass helmet laws.
3. Supporting right-to-repair legislation that would allow independent shops the same access to parts and specialized

tools as dealers have. Opposing environmental standards that unfairly reduce performance, increase costs, or limit the production of custom motorcycles.

4. Removing the Consumer Product Safety Commission's ban on bikes and ATV's aimed at young riders because of minute amounts of lead contained in certain parts.

There are other issues we're concerned with, and if I have space next month, I'll discuss them. Or if you have questions about our agenda, you can ask Jay, Randy, Maxx, or myself.

Until next month,
Brian
Legislative Curmudgeon

No democratic society in recorded history has lasted much longer than 200 years, meaning America's on borrowed time. Do we want to be known as the generation that let liberty slip away?

OUR MISSION

The mission of Will County Chapter and A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois is to:

Preserve the universal right to a safe, unrestricted motorcycling environment.





Activities: Brenda

Hello everybody, Brenda here, it's February and one month closer to warmer weather. Yea! can't wait. I am really excited about all the great things we have planned this year for our Activities.

We had our first committee meeting for this years "Book Run" just before the January membership meeting. We really have things well under way.

Thanks to all of you who suggested new stops. We are trying to mix things up a little this year to get some new places involved, so if one of our old faithful stops isn't on there don't fret. I have other plans for them such as dinner run stops etc. Believe me, I am the first one to appreciate loyalty and I will always keep them in mind, but at the same time we need a little variety too. Which reminds me, I would like to start planning some dinner runs in advance this year. The first one being in April and going thru October. If anyone has suggestions please contact me, so I can get together with our Road Captain, Tony, and put something together.

Coming up this month we will have our bus ride to the McCormick place bike show on Feb. 6th. This is gonna be a great time! The bus is full this year but if all goes well I'm sure there will be more trips in the future.

February 12th is our free movie night at Harwood Post. Come out for dinner (Friday Night Fish Fry) and stay for a free movie. Or if you only want to do the movie that's fine too. Dinner is

from 4-8pm and is at your cost, the movie will start at 8:30pm. We will have complimentary popcorn and you may purchase beverages of your choice from the bar. The movie will be "Beyond the Law", a good biker/undercover cop movie.

March 21st we will have our Triathlon at Zelmos again in Joliet.

(see the flyer, on page 2 or download at www.willcoabate.org)

This year it will start a little earlier so if the weather is nice we can get out and ride afterward. This is a pool/bean bags/darts competition. It's \$7 to enter and prizes will be determined by the number of entrants. Pizza will be served for lunch. Registration starts at 10:30am and games begin at 11:00am. Hope to see you there.

Ride Safe and have fun doing it!
Brenda

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Friday February 12th
8:30 @ the Harwood Post

Movie Feature:
**BEYOND
THE LAW**

Written & Directed by Larry Ferguson
Charlie Sheen • Linda Fiorentino • Michael Madsen



Public Relations: Freak

Hey kids . . . First off, thanks for re-electing me to the position. Kenny did a great job of promoting the Chapter last year and I plan on keeping up the pace.

That said, it's time to tackle our Motorcycle Awareness proclamations. I've sent a customized document to each city in Will County for consideration so if any of you know a mayor, councilman, etc . . . please contact them and make sure they got it and plan on signing it. If they have any questions let me know and I'll take care of it stat. I can also give you a copy to hand to them in person if you like, just shoot me an e-mail and we'll make it happen.

I also need help getting the signed proclamations back. The larger towns need to read them and vote on them at their public meetings and I just can't get to them all so if you'd like to go to one just shoot me an e-mail and I'll give you the basics on getting it done.

That's all I got this time around. . .

Thanks for reading.
Freak



Road Captain:
Tony

Hello fellow members from your new road captain. I thank you for allowing me to serve as your road captain and am looking forward to an exciting and safe year of activities.

I would like to take this time to remind everyone that ABATE is not only about bikers rights, but also RIDING. As your road captain, my primary mission is to make sure that we RIDE SAFE. This is a perfect time of year to think about those pesky little maintenance items that you put off last year to get in that "last ride" before the snow hit. Check your brakes, tires and lights. Check all control cables and your shifter hardware. This is also a good time to get your clutch adjusted, engine oil, primary and transmission oil changed. And don't forget about your spark plugs. By servicing your bike now, this allows you plenty of time for any additional repairs that may be discovered during routine maintenance. Nobody wants to break down during prime season because of not changing a \$15.00 set of spark plugs over the winter!!!

If you have an idea for a ride, please tell me or a board member about it. There are always new places that we would love to discover on our motorcycles, and what better way to do that than riding with friends from Will County ABATE!!!

Please bear with me as I bring myself up to speed on our activities and my duties. I promise to do the best job possible as I represent you as your Road Captain.

Ride Safe
Tony

Membership: Helen "hln"

The Cabin Fever party was great. Good food, drinks, music, company and dancing. We had 2 members that brought in 10 or more new members last year, Jay and Joan. They were our top 2 winners for Will County's membership drive 2009. Some others came very close. I want to thank everyone that brought in new members last year for a total of 96 new members. I also want to thank everyone just for being members. Right now we have a total of 416 members in WillCo ABATE.

Our membership drive for 2010 has started. We have a full year to recruit new members.

If you have an address change please get it to me as soon as possible to avoid returned mail to us and you get your newsletter. Thanks again and I hope to see you at the February meeting.

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February 2010

March 2010

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 03 Board Meeting: 7:00pm Harwood Post
05 HS Presentation - Plainfield East
06 WillCo Bus Trip To 26th Annual Motorcycle Show & Swap
10 General Membership Meeting: Harwood Post - 7:30
SMALL HALL
12 HS Presentation - Plainfield North
12 Fish Fry: 4-8pm Harwood Post
(Come on out and help Mr. Ed!)
12 Free Movie Night - 8:30 Harwood Post
20 S. Suburban ABATE Mardi Gras - Glenn Makers - 7pm

March

- 03 Board Meeting: MR B'S -7pm
10 General Membership Meeting: Harwood Post - 7:30pm
11 Legislative Day
13 Fish Fry: 4-8pm Harwood Post (Fri)
21 Willco ABATE Winter Triathlon - Zelmo's - 10:30am
27 Dukane ABATE Comedy Night: St. Charles VFW - 7:30pm

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