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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



DEDICATED TO MAINTAINING FREEDOM OF THE ROAD

- Safeguard the rights of all motorcyclist
- Endorse safety programs and education programs
- Promote unity through involvement
- Advocate political awareness and activism
- Promote motorcycling enjoyment

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Past President: Jay

_Hello Everyone

As your retiring president, I would like to thank the membership of Will County ABATE Chapter for allowing me to serve as the chapters President for the 2009 & 2010 Yrs. Over the past two years I have really learned a lot from you on how important SMRO's (State Motorcycle Rites Organizations) are in our community. Over the past couple years Jackie & I have logged quite a few miles on the roads out side of Illinois. On these ventures we have met many other riders who showed us great respect on our involvement with ABATE Of Illinois. Many from Tennessee Kentucky Indiana etc... told us how proud they are of ABATE of Illinois on the success with Motorcycle Rites here. It is through our member's dedication and involvement that makes ABATE of Illinois a recognized political lobbying body along with our safety and awareness programs throughout our country. I thank each and

every one of you, Keep up the great work.

It does not make me happy to write about the following but I feel it must be addressed. We had a disruption at the chapter's membership meeting in December. Since that meeting I received numerous calls to inform me that many members would not be attending future meetings do to the disrespect that a few have towards other members, the chapter board and the meeting in general. The act of speaking out of turn and the use of profanity uncalled for MUST STOP Now. I plead with all members to keep attending meeting. As the members of this chapter we will stop this behavior and continue to strive towards our mission as a SMRO, and have fun doing it. Hope to see everyone at the Chapter meetings and all the great Activities Barb has planned for 2011.

Ride Safe and Be Courteous to Others on the Road

Jay



Legislative: Brian

Greetings, Will County
Chapter:

I hope everyone had a Christmas, Hannukah, and New Year's that was meaningful, fun, and relaxing--with the emphasis on "relaxing," because even though 2011 isn't an election year, we're going to be busier than we've ever been. Some of the November election results hadn't even been certified and NHTSA, the NTSB, and the CPSC had motorcyclists in the crosshairs:

Suddenly every print and broadcast news outlet had a story about the need for universal helmet laws, along with a poll for the public to express their desire for these laws--except the results didn't exactly go as expected. At our last meeting, I mentioned that this all seemed like it was orchestrated by the NTSB. Well, lo and behold, right after our meeting the NTSB released its "most wanted" list of transportation safety improvements. And under "Action Needed By States" they want to "require that all persons shall wear a DOT Compliant motorcycle helmet....on any motorcycle." And the "polls" were a sham--when they didn't produce the desired results, the Vice Chairman of the NTSB said "people have to get outraged about this safety issue that is causing so many deaths needlessly." How about people get

outraged about the endless effort by government to control the media?

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is moving forward with its ban of kids' dirtbikes and ATVs due to the infinitesimal amounts of lead in a few parts. This law is so stupid that kids' candy can contain more lead than their motorcycles! (Not to mention microscopes and band instruments that they're exposed to in school every day). Starting Feb. 11 children's products have to be tested for lead by an independent laboratory approved by the CPSC. Only problem is, no labs are equipped for this kind of testing. So the CPSC's solution? Hold up enforcement until May 11. Yep, that oughtta do it. We need to get in touch with our representatives in Congress (Kinzinger, 11th Dist; Biggert, 13th Dist; Hultgren, 14th Dist.), and urge them to sign on as co-sponsors of HR 1587, which would change the standards. There are currently about 70 co-sponsors, but more are needed, and fast! There are links on www.willcoabate.org for contact information for our elected officials in D.C. By the end of the year, we'll probably have them memorized. One thing in our favor: Nancy Pelosi isn't running the House anymore, so she can't obstruct our pro-biking bills. In fact, the new Speaker of the House is John Boehner, a longtime friend of ABATE of Ohio, (but then, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood was ABATE's

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friend when he was serving Illinois, and that hasn't turned out too well!

At the state level, new Treasurer Dan Rutherford and State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka will almost certainly make sure that the Cycle Rider Training Fund becomes just that: a Fund, separate from other monies in the Treasury and off-limits to anyone who wants to swipe it to use for other purposes. 2011 is the year when state legislative districts are redrawn. Look for all kinds of shenanigans to keep the current majority party in power, and to make it easier for them to gain power in districts it doesn't currently control. A lot of

our friends will need a lot of help in the 2012 elections.

And if you're planning on passing through Ohio, their Supreme Court ruled 5-1 that a police officer who has been trained in "visual estimation"---that's "guessing" to you and me---can issue a speeding ticket without any other confirmation. What could be an easier source of revenue? Expect other financially desperate states and cities to jump on the bandwagon.

Have a safe (and warm) 2011,

Brian


Legislative Curmudgeon

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SATURDAY 8am - 3am
SUNDAY 11am - 2am



Membership:

Helen

Congratulations to all of the Board members for 2011. I would like to encourage everyone to jump in and help out with the events and activities. Remember every little bit helps. I hope everyone has gotten their tickets to the Cabin Fever Party. This is our thank you party for all of the members for the past year.

Just a reminder, if you receive a renewal envelope from the State ABATE office please do NOT send your renewal to them. If you do our chapter will not get our \$3.00 share of the renewal. If you get one from Will County ABATE then you can use it and it goes to us and we get our share of the renewal. Also please contact me if you have a change of address this way you will continue to receive your newsletter. Contact me if you have any other problems and I will try to get it fixed. Thanks and Happy New Year to everyone.

MOST WANTED

Jan 2011

- TED
- STAN
- KAREN L
- JEFF
- STEVE
- TARA
- CONRAD
- MAUREEN W
- DEREK
- EDWARD
- STEVE
- BONNIE
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- DAVID
- CRAIG
- MARK
- CHARLES
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- JASON
- JAMES
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Feb. 2011

- ROGER L
- ED
- JODI
- MICHAEL D
- DAVID
- MIKE
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- ERIC
- HEIDI
- NADINE
- JAMES
- JOHN
- ROBERT
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- ROBERT R
- RICHARD
- ED
- DALE D
- DAVID
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- MARY
- JIM
- TOM
- JIM
- JODY

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Upcoming Events

January 2011

- 15 Cabin Fever Party - 6 to 11pm, Harwood Post
- 21-23 State Seminar
- 28 Members Night Out - 7pm Fritz's Pour House

February

- 2 Board Meeting at the Post - 7pm
- 5 Bus Trip to Chicago Motorcycle show and swap
- 9 General Meeting at the Post (small hall) 7:30pm
- 11-13 Chicago International Motorcycle Show - Rosemont Convention Center.
- 25 Members Night Out - Zelmo's 7pm

March

- 2 Board Meeting 7pm location TBD (check willcoabate.org)
- 5 South Suburban Mardi Grass 7pm Glenmakers
- 9 General Meeting at the Post 7:30pm
- 13 Triathlon - Zelmo's 11am
- 25 Members Night Out - Double J's 7pm



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WILL COUNTY ABATE

WINTER TRIATHLON



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Registration 11am, Games begin 11:30

\$7 entry fee per person

Includes pool, darts and bags plus pizza

Best combined score of all three games wins!

Prize determined by number of triathletes participating.

Congratulations!

To The 2011 Will County ABATE Board

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Treasurer	Pat
Secretary	Paul
Legislative	Brian
Activities	Barb
State Rep	Randy
Editor	John
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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? _____

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Signature(s) _____

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