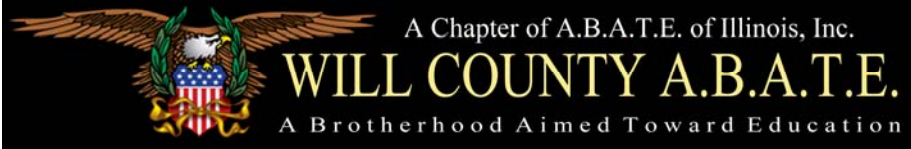


June 2011



Will County A.B.A.T.E. President Al and Village of Plainfield Il. President Michael P. Collins install a new motorcycle awareness banner in front of Village Hall.



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President: Al

We celebrated our chapter's 8th birthday at the May meeting. Thank you to Mr. Ed for doing all the preparing and cooking.

Delicious, as usual. No left-overs either, as usual.

As we look back over the last 8 years, we should be very proud of our chapter.

The Book Run is up and going strong; going to be very successful for our chapter. Next we have to make sure that the planning for the Hooters & Scooters Run will be just as successful. The committee is being formed as we go to print. Hopefully we will be able to inspire more and more of

our members to step up and volunteer to make it a success. That way we don't have the same people doing all the work. It really can be fun to get more involved and get to know each other a little better. This is our chapter.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting. If you miss a meeting and want to see what may be planned, John has a calendar of upcoming events in every newsletter. You can also go to our chapter's official web page:

www.willcoabate.org

which lists our meeting dates and times as well as many chapter events and activities.

There's always our yahoo group at:

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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

Charter Member of Will County Chapter, ABATE of IL, Inc.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/willcoabate/>

or even our chapter Facebook page too.

If you ever have any questions or concerns re: our chapter, please don't hesitate to contact me at 815.791.0174 or by email at al@willcoabate.org

or contact V.P. Violet at

vi@willcoabate.org

For specific issues, we can steer you to the correct officer. Thank you.

Al



State Rep: Randy

News from BOD, we have another chapter, WINDY CITY (and they are in Mary Flowers dist., good

for us).

Things going on with legal services again will explain next meeting. Mike Myers and Laura Mayer were invited and will attend the annual Enhanced Safety vehicle conference in Washington DC in June.

Thanks to Mike Myers and Dawn from Arrowhead for helping me out.

later Randy

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Legislative: Brian


Hello, Will County Chapter!

We almost lost our Red Light Bill, HB2860, in the Senate Transportation Committee. The City of Chicago and the Illinois State Police are adamantly opposed to this bill, which would allow bicycles and motorcycles to proceed with caution through a red light that doesn't recognize them. Todd Vandermeye, our lobbyist, brokered a compromise which would exempt Chicago from the bill. When you think about it, the traffic volume in Chicago almost ensures

that another vehicle will come along and trip the traffic light sensor. This amendment was to be attached to the bill today. Thanks to Todd and Transportation Committee Chairman Marty Sandoval for working to keep our bill alive. It's scheduled for a final vote even as I'm writing this.

SB1291, our ABATE license plate bill, is dead as it was originally written, along with a slew of commemorative plates for other organizations. Not only are setup costs a factor, but law enforcement also has a problem keeping track of all the different plates. However, Rep. Dan Beiser, one of the bill's sponsors in the House, removed the original language from the bill and

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changed it into an anti-vehicle-profiling bill. It's gained a few more sponsors, too. HB930, originally introduced by Rep. Beiser, would have outlawed police profiling based on vehicle type, never escaped the House Rules Committee. But since our license plate bill already passed the Senate but doesn't have much support in the House, Beiser saw an opportunity to move a profiling bill forward. Got that? In somewhat of a surprise move, HB1979, which would change the definition of gasohol from 10% added ethanol to 15%, was sent back to the House Rules Committee. Hopefully, it'll die there, as the additional ethanol is just a bad idea--it reduces gas mileage, makes vehicles run hotter, causes damage to internal engine parts, takes more energy to produce than it contains--the list goes on and on. Add in the fact that only about 10% of Illinois' corn crop has been planted so far this year due to flooding, and you have a fuel shortage in the making.


In Washington, Wisconsin Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner has introduced a Resolution requiring NHTSA to follow the law, and not spend money trying to coerce the States to pass mandatory helmet laws. The push is on to require ABS brakes on all new streetbikes. The European Union may vote to do so this year, and in the US, last year the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety asked NHTSA to mandate them based on insurance industry studies. Beware of the insur-

ance lobby--they're the ones who tried to get sportbikes outlawed several years ago. Flo and the Gecko are not your friends!

Motorcyclists will have a big presence in D.C. this month; besides Rolling Thunder over Memorial Day Weekend, this week the MRF is holding their spring Board Meeting to coincide with Bikers Inside the Beltway and the BEAST of the East conference. And on the 26th, the AMA is holding an event called the "Family Capitol Hill Climb" to draw attention to the CPSC "lead ban," and the remedy for the problem, which is HR412, the "Kids Just Want to Ride" Act. Nothing gets politicians' attention like kids (with the exception of money), so let's hope there's a good turnout!

Speaking of the lead ban, this month's American Motorcyclist magazine has an interesting interview with Nancy Nord of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. She has the same concerns as we do regarding banning kids' dirtbikes and ATVs--she's worried that they'll ride adult-sized vehicles that are too big for them. She states that because of the way the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act was written, her organization can't just exempt these vehicles from the ban, and calls the ban "absurd." She feels that most members of Congress now realize there's a problem with the law and it needs to be rewritten. It certainly does, but unless all members of the motorcycle and ATV community apply pressure, these youth vehicles will be outlawed at the end of this year.

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The really big issue for state and federal legislators is unemployment--not ours, theirs! This is the year legislative districts are redrawn, and there are a lot of nervous politicians out there. Under the rules in Illinois, the party in power gets to draw the maps, meaning the Democrats will do everything they can to keep their advantage. A case in point is one particular district on Chicago's South Side--the boundary goes down the middle of an alley! Some State Representatives' districts will be placed squarely inside another Rep's district if the maps are approved as drawn. Congressional districts will shift also, meaning your Congressman this year may

not be your Congressman after the 2012 election, even though your address hasn't changed. Everyone will be up for re-election next year. It goes without saying that some of our friends may lose their seats; it also goes without saying that we're going to have to work to keep our friends in office, or get some of our opponents booted out. 2012 will be a BUSY year!

*Brian
Legislative Curmudgeon*

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**Barbara -
Activities**

Happy June all!

I would Like to thank the members who have come out and enjoyed our chapters latest group rides. Thanks also to Fritz's, ,Zelmo's, Double J's, and Westside Tap for hosting our events and donating door prizes. Thank you to Gina from Jk Harrison's for a great lunch on May 7th.

Our 1st June event will be June 5th we will be leaving out of Fritz's Pour house at 11:am sharp we will be doing book run stops being lead by our Road captain .

Please watch the events page of our official website:

www.willcoabate.org

Facebook, and e-mails for other events as we are planning them.

If you have suggestions please feel free to contact myself, Bobbie Scott or Jim Ebs.

With the Planning of Hooter's and Scooters well under way we are looking for volunteers for that day. Please sign up early, send me a message on Facebook, e-mail or call my cell # 815-919-7870.

Hooters & Scooters is our largest event that makes our chapter able to do what we need to do to protect our rights.

This event takes a lot of people. If you can help out even if its only for a little bit please still come out and help.

*thank you
Barbara*

Tara - Member Will County

A.B.A.T.E.

My name is Tara and I am from Coal City, down in beautiful Grundy County. Some of you may already know my husband Steve and I and for those of you who don't, HELLO!!

We joined Will County ABATE in January of 2010 to meet people who had the same love for riding that we do. We didn't know what ABATE was all about; I knew it as the anti-helmet group and that they knew how to party. We have met so many great people, some interesting char-

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acters and have learned a lot about motorcycle safety and our rights as motorcyclists. I am happy we joined.

This April, Freak asked for volunteers to present the Motorcycle Awareness Month proclamations, so I volunteered to do Coal City, Diamond and Carbon Hill. I had no idea what I was getting myself into but I knew I needed to raise awareness in my neck of the woods. I found out I am deathly afraid of public speaking, but a big THANK YOU goes out to a couple of fellow ABATE mem-

bers for their support (Kat, Al, Brenda, Billy and Judie). Accepting this challenge of presenting ABATE's mission to various community leaders in Grundy County, has proven to be a great learning opportunity and a most rewarding experience. I also hope to have persuaded Coal City High School to become involved with the High School Motorcycle Awareness Program. This is only the beginning of my mission to get involved and raise awareness.

Tara

Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out the window of a moving car.

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Road Captain

Jim

Hi Everyone,

Well we had a great first run on the 7th with our lunch run to J.K. Harrison's. 16 showed up, what a good group and thanks to Gina for very good lunch. The weather cooperated. turned out real nice.

We are looking forward to the next run on the 22nd. We'll leave from R.J.'s at 11:00am sharp and will be on our way to do some

book run stops. A real nice route is laid out, hope to see you all there!

That's pretty much it for now.

Please remember be safe out there, they are not watching for you so you need to watch them.

Thanks,

Jim

*p.s. remember when possible
Right in Right out!!!!!!!*

Upcoming Events

June

- 18 IL Motorcycle Freedom Run - Grundy Co. Fair grounds Lineup 6a - 10a.
- 24-26 ABATE of Illinois State Party - Effingham

July

- 6 Board Meeting at the Post 7pm
- 10 (Sunday) General Meeting at the Post 12 noon cookout
- 10 Peotone swap meet

August

- 3 Board meeting at the Post 7pm
- 8-24 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
- 10 General Meeting at the Post 7:30pm

Membership - Helen

Remember to get your “Start Seeing Motorcycles” yard sign when you renew and for new members. You have 90 days to pick it up because I know it is hard to carry one on your bike.

because it is a long list. If you know anybody on the list please give them a reminder. Otherwise see you all at the June meeting and don’t forget to contact me if any of my information is incorrect. Thanks all and have a great summer if we ever have one.

Because I missed my article a few months ago I am also adding the April expirations

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