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From the President: Judy Kaenel

I am very excited to share news on the legislative front. The town of Harvard Illinois was the center of a discriminatory practice in connection with their gang ordinance. Several motorcycle club members were denied access to a area event where they were told that the wearing of their colors constituted a gang affiliation. Word reached our new State Legislative Coordinator Josh Witowski and he went right to work by seeking out meetings with the Police Chief, town council and the town's legal team. Because of A.B.A.T.E.'s persistent communication, this ordinance will now be revised. See the whole story on another page in this newsletter.

Happy February! There have been very encouraging changes to the chapter in the 2018 year. We now have a newsletter coordinator, Mike Nicholson who is going to get us back on track with our monthly newsletters. Mike has had an extensive background in newsletter editing and I am sure that he will bring fresh ideas to the chapter. In regards to the website, our new webmaster Mike D'Aversa will be hard at work getting us up and running with a new interactive website that will not only bring us up to date pages but allow our members to access the State and Chapter products store. Your new Vice President; Joe Barnes and new Events Coordinator; Chris Hansen are busy working on a new event that will not only be fun but will bring an event closer to our DuPage County members! Great things coming in the Year 2018!

Also the MRF has been working closely with Dave "Double D" Devereaux of the Motorcycling Profiling Project in battling the rampant discrimination nation wide of motorcyclists. Keep your eye on H.Res.318 and S.Res.154 which are pending before Congress and will be in need of additional supporters in order to move forward in the legislative process. We will have more information as it is available.

That is all for now. I am really looking forward to this new year!

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Vice President: Joe Barnes

Hurry up spring! We have several great events planned for this coming year and some still in the planning stages. Mark your calendars for "Motorcycle Awareness" May 5th, "Kneeze in the Breeze" June 10th, "Bikini Bike Wash" July 28th, and the "32nd Annual Food and Toy Run" October 14th. Plans for a spring fund raiser are also in the works. Please keep an eye on our Facebook events page for that news.

DuKane is welcoming new board members, saying thank you to those not returning and grateful to those returning. New members to our boards our Chris Hansen (Activities), Michael G. D'Aversa aka MGD (Website), Michael Nicholson (Newsletter Editor) and I, Joe Barnes (Vice President). There are a few board positions not filled yet, so if any of our current members would like to fill a position please contact Judy Kaenel ([630-669-2588](tel:630-669-2588)).

We have several speakers (candidates) slated for our January and February chapter meetings. Amanda Gotte will have her hands full the coming weeks with elections and preparing for Legislative Day. DuKane members wishing to attend please come to our next chapter meeting, February 20th at 7:30pm (123 Main Street, West Chicago) to get more details.

Until next month,

Joe Barnes

Vice President



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A.B.A.T.E STATE NEWS!

ABATE Educates Harvard on Profiling

Late last year ABATE learned of an incident at the Harvard Balloon Days Festival where local MC members and friends were asked to leave because of how they were dressed. After contacting City of Harvard Police, and the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, ABATE obtained a police report confirming the following:

On September 3rd, a Deputy with the McHenry County Sheriff's Office made contact with a President of a local motorcycle club and 4 other persons with them. The deputy advised them of the City of Harvard Anti Gang Ordinance and according to an eyewitness asked them to remove their vests or leave the festival being held in a public park.

This is classic profiling. The members and their friends had done nothing wrong, but were being denied access to a public event held on public property based on their association together and the clothes they were wearing. The police report even notes that only one vest had full patches and the others were only dressed in similar colors. Can you imagine being denied access to an event because of the colors you wore that day?

Unfortunately in Harvard, this wasn't imagination. It was the law for them. Harvard has a very broad anti gang ordinance which can be read [here](https://www.cityofharvard.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ordinance/2861/chapter26.pdf), <https://www.cityofharvard.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/ordinance/2861/chapter26.pdf> . It bans the wearing of any colors or insignia indicating membership in a "gang" (26.04 C). This is how profiling works. By labeling motorcycle clubs "gangs", the City felt it was free to discriminate at will. All they have to do is claim you're a gang, no actual proof of criminal activity needed.

This sounded slightly unconstitutional, so I did some further research and found a [1996 Appellate Court Decision](https://www.leagle.com/decision/1996919660ne2d2591873.xml), <https://www.leagle.com/decision/1996919660ne2d2591873.xml> that vacated this ordinance. Armed with this knowledge, I presented ABATE's concerns with the profiling incident and this ordinance to the City Administrator, who put me in touch with the City Attorney. After discussion and further research by the attorney, it has been decided that Harvard will be revising the ordinance to address our concerns.

ABATE will continue to monitor the ordinance as it gets revised, but I'm sharing this with you as a reminder to remain vigilant in protecting the rights of riders statewide.

Josh "SKI" Witkowski, Legislative Coordinator

Keeping Up: Tips on how to be up to date with DuKane ABATE

Did you know there is another way to follow what is going on with DuKane ABATE? Now don't get in a Twitter, hey hang on a second, that might just be the way to do it. Linda Barnes has passed on information that can get you in the loop using Twitter to keep up with DuKane ABATE.

Question: Why are we on Twitter?

Answer: Twitter gives us the ability to TEXT member's phones with a Twitter feature called "Fast Follow". The advantage to this is to be able to send timely TEXT alerts to chapter members cell phones that follow the Twitter feed. (This could include pickup rides, meeting, event or ride reminders, changes and/or cancellations to a meeting or event.)

Question: Do I have to be a member of Twitter to Fast Follow the DuKane ABATE Twitter Feed?

Answer: No

Question: How do I participate and get the Fast Follow Texts?

Answer: Text "Follow @dukaneabate" to 40404 with your text capable phone. Twitter does send some unsolicited texts, so, to easily disable Twitter's "discovery" messages, text "Discover off" to 40404.

Question: I joined by sending "Follow @dukaneabate" to 40404 but I'm not receiving Texts, what can I do?

Answer: I have seen this occasionally with members that are not Twitter users. Just send again "Follow @dukaneabate" again to 40404, this seems to resolve the issue.

Question: Is there any cost to the member or the chapter?

Answer: No, however, if you pay for texting with your cell carrier, regular text messaging rates will still apply.

Thanks,
Linda Barnes



Upcoming Events!



Save the Dates!

Kneeze in the Breeze Run
Registration Fox River Harley Davidson

Sunday June 10, 2018

SETHtastic Motorcycle Run
Heritage Harley-Davidson

Saturday July 21, 2018

Bikini Bike Wash,
Knuckleheads Elburn

Saturday, July 28 2018

Annual Toy & Food Run
Batavia VFW

Sunday October 14, 2018

What's Happening In Dukane!

30th Annual Toy & Food Run Pics!



Membership:

Oops! Get that Membership Form In Soon!

If you **KNOW** someone on this list, give them a holler and let them know! If you have **SENT** your renewal in, please contact Judy Kaenel at 630-669-2588 or DuKanePresident@aol.com. If you **NEED** a fillable pdf form emailed to you or a hard copy mailed, sent a request to DuKanePresident@aol.com or call 630-669-2588!

Cold weather got ya down? Well maybe looking back at the Bikini Bike Wash will help you warm up. Don't forget to save the date for this year, Saturday, July 28 2018



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Coming Soon! The NEW DuKane Chapter Website! Your Webmaster Butch Peters and our great member Terry Hopkins are working hard to get a new and improved website launched in early January 2016. We are going to feature some awesome additions with fillable pdf membership apps, the DUKANE STORE and more!
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DuKane Chapter Business Owners Support Program

DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Business Owners Support program is designed to bring awareness into the public regarding motorcycle rights and education. This allows the business owner to show their customers that they support motorcycle rights in their community. It also helps the DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois be able to have an additional form of public relations by receiving help from the business owner to promote and successfully reach not only potential members but to bring awareness to the community and open a line of communication.

To qualify for this program:

The business must be a "stand alone" business in the Kane County or DuPage County area. If business owner is out of the area, he/she is given a list of chapters they may join to be able to participate in the chapter at their convenience.

At least one business owner must become an A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois member.

Upon application, the business will be given the opportunity to place a support plaque and door clings for the business to display if they choose to do so.

A Dukane representative will educate the business owner and his/her employees in regards to what A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois does to promote motorcycle rights, safety and education.

The business owner receives membership forms to display and is educated on how to fill out the forms and teach the potential member about A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois.

The business will be mentioned in the DuKane newsletter as "supporters".

The business owner must maintain their membership in A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois to be able to continue to display support plaque and door clings.

The cost for the business owner is the cost of the membership only.

The business owner is not required to donate any additional funds nor does he/she need to feel that they must be available for any events or runs unless they choose to do so.

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