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Hi Members!

In January we spoke of our board describing their duties as your board members. There are standard roles as I have outlined below and there are ways to expand on these roles based on time commitments etc. According the A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc directives here are your standard description of the role of the President.

President.

The President will preside over all meetings. The President will assist any officer in his/her duties as requested. The President will represent the best interest of the DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E of Illinois, Inc. and will officiate on all contracts in promoting the interests of the organization. Corporate annual reports and civic annual reports shall be the responsibility of the president.



Well, that is simple. But here is what I do: Research other states on that their issues are and then reach out to see if we can help. Constant thinking of different ways we can get into the public eye. Attend as many motorcycle events that I can throughout the season and introduce myself and find out what kind of issues our local motorcycles experience. Work with local municipalities to ensure a good relationship between LEO and our community. Make as many appearances as possible to different motorcycle groups such as HOG, HONDA and Indian to spread the word about our chapter and what we do. Sure, I review contracts but there is much more that goes into them. Our board is fantastic this year. If there is any questions, I try to guide them and when it comes down to contracts the final review and decision falls on my shoulders.

Being a President although its pretty cool means that I must be a face of your chapter and my conduct has to be above board. Leading any organization comes with downfalls. Accepting blame and shouldering it is a given but being able to solve the problem is crucial. So, call me a volunteer junkie but I also practice Voluntelling! All this being said, do not forget our February meeting. From now on your board will be your personal culinary adventure. February is my month, so I am making my special and I think AWARD WINNING chili! Bring your appetite and socialize with old and new members an hour before the general meeting.



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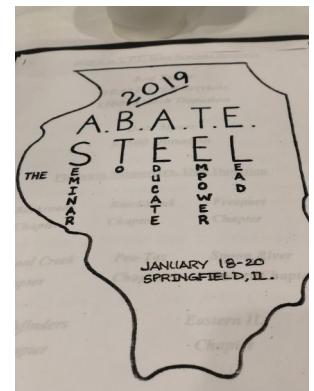
Vice President: Joe Barnes

A Bit from the “ViP”

This month all of the board members were asked to give a brief job description of what their role on the board is and what they plan to work on in 2019. Of all the board positions my role has the shortest job description. My job is to support the President and board members, and to step in when they are unable to perform their responsibilities. Gosh I hope everyone stays healthy and leaves me with free time to ride, work with members and grow the chapter membership. So for 2019 my plan is to RIDE and work toward making this year our very best. I've already fulfilled my first goal and that is to bring a new T-shirt to the members of DuKane and make it exciting, save the chapter money and promote our events. I'm also working on the ABC, ABATE Bowling Classic on March 24th. Is there anything you'd like me to work on? Please share your ideas with me.



A few DuKane board members headed south to Springfield to participate in the 2019 ABATE STEEL on Saturday January 19th. This was my second time attending the State Seminar which was renamed to STEEL, Seminar To Educate Empower Lead. ABATE members from all over the state attend this seminar. On Saturday morning all attendees were together for miscellaneous speeches and presentations. In the afternoon there are a variety of 50 minute sessions that everyone can choose to attend. I attended two sessions that were informative and gave me some tools for future discussions. The first was “How to Throw a Riot” with Josh Witkowski and the other was a discussion about “Road Racer/ Riding Instructor” with Jessica Petropoulis.



Attendees at the seminar are also encouraged to participate in two fund raisers for the Fed and State PAC's. Linda and I did our fair share and won an awesome bench in the live auction on Saturday night. Ask Judy and Chris what they bid on? Any ABATE member can attend the seminar, and I encourage each of you to let me know if you are interested in attending the seminar next January. 630-251-4565 / joseph.barnes@att.net



There are other volunteer opportunities this year that we need your help on, the next is Legislative Days on Wednesday, March 6th. This is also down in Springfield and we are trying to get a bunch of members and supporters together. Please contact Judy if you are interested in attending Legislative Day at 630-669-2588 / dukane president@aol.com

On Tuesday January 8th we presented Fox River Harley Davidson and their HOG chapter with the coveted trophies from the 32nd Annual Food and Toy Run. Fox River **contributed the most Food and Toy items** last October and **had the highest amount of off-site registrations**. Every year we challenge local dealerships to participate in the Food and Toy Run. We couldn't do what do without Fox River HD, their HOG chapter all other dealerships and HOG groups that contributed.

Thank you everyone! **“They are the Champions”**



Events: Chris Hansen

Hello members!

With February upon us, that means we're one month closer to spring. I for one am going crazy not riding my motorcycle, and I know I'm not the only one! There is a LOT to cover this month, so let's get right to it!

This month, the board members are going to let you know what it is that they do for the chapter and what their plans are for 2019. So, I am your events coordinator and the coordinator for the Toy and Food Run. My job is to put together the events for the chapter and to add new happenings to the chapter. My other job is to work (almost) year round to make sure that the Annual Toy and Food Run is one of the biggest and most successful in Illinois. My plans for 2019 are very simple. We're going to take our events to the next level and make sure that our message of rights, safeties, and freedoms for motorcyclists in Illinois is heard. Let's take a look at the plans to take our events to the next level.



Our kick-off event for 2019 is coming up fast on SUNDAY March 24th! It's the 2nd Annual A.B.C. – ABATE Bowling Classic at the Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights. We're excited for this one. Last year was a great turn out for the first year, and having moved it to 4pm on a Sunday, we feel that the turnout this year is going to be even better! This is a great family friendly event, and we've even teamed up with the Toy Shop and Motolounge for this one! Definitely make sure this one is on your calendars.

March is a busy month with March 6th being Legislative Day in Springfield to lobby for our rights, safeties, and freedoms. Judy is looking into getting a bus to drive down for this event, so if you're wanting to take advantage of this, let Judy know ASAP!

For those of you that we're at the last membership meeting, you heard the announcement that we will be moving the ending of the 33rd Annual Toy and Food Run on October 13th to the Sycamore Speedway! We're beyond excited to be teaming up with them and this is going to open up a ton of new opportunities for us. A few of us board members (Judy, Joe, Linda, Amy, John, and myself) had a meeting with the Speedway and it went great. April 20th is the Speedway's kick-off for 2019, and it's the night they will announce that the Toy and Food Run will be their charity for the year. DuKane ABATE will be there for this event, so plan on joining us!! There are many more announcements to come on this, so attend our monthly membership meetings for updates!!

The last thing I'll touch on this month is May 4th. That is the DuKane ABATE Motorcycle Awareness Day: Project End Distracted Driving. This is an event that I'm working hard to take to the next level this year. We will be at 4 intersections on 47, and we are teaming up with the Kane County Sheriff's Department on this. Last month, I attended the ABATE of Illinois S.T.E.E.L. (Seminar to Educate Empower Lead) in Springfield and took a seminar put on by Ski, our state legislative coordinator, called "How to Throw a Riot". In this seminar we talked about how to make a statement in the public eye, and we'll be doing just that on May 4th. I will have these details at the monthly membership meeting on February 19th. We'll see you at the West Chicago American Legion at 6:30 for social hour!

As you can tell, 2019 is going to be one hell of a year for this chapter, so get excited, get involved, and hang on for the ride!



ABATE of Illinois, Inc

Legislative Day - 2019



RALLY FOR MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS

State House Inn—Springfield

Wednesday March 6th, 2019

OPEN TO ALL RIDERS & SUPPORTERS OF MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS

Schedule of Events

8-9:30am - Register in the Ballroom • 9:30-10am - Legislative Update

10am - Invade the Capitol - Talk with Elected Officials

12:30p - Group Picture Under the Dome • 1:30p—Catered Lunch & Party

5:00p - Reception with Food, Drinks, Photos, Fun & Live Music!

Need a Room? - Contact the
State House Inn at
(217) 528-5100 & Ask for the
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Discounted Rooms available

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smartphone or visit
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www.facebook.com/ABATE4IL



Our Next Meeting:

Why should you come to our next meeting?

The other pages in this newsletter give you some great information and things to think about. But, they probably have you asking questions as well. If you come to the meeting you can ask those questions, get the thoughts of those who have information and hear the opinions of your fellow A.B.A.T.E. members.

If that is not enough there is chili. Yep, good, homemade chili. You may have noticed the month the chili is from our Chapter President, Judy Kaenel. You may have also noticed she is in favor of using the Voluntold method. Well, I have to tell you, YOU have been Voluntold to come to the meeting, have some chili and help us all try to keep our fellow riders safe and informed.

See you on **FEBRUARY 19, 2019 at West Chicago American Legion Post 300 123 Main St West Chicago IL starting at 6:30 PM until 7:25 PM with the meeting starting at 7:30 PM.**



Events: Chris Hansen

2ND ANNUAL



A.B.A.T.E. BOWLING CLASSIC

MARCH
24TH
4PM START

Brunswick Zone
IN GLENDALE HEIGHTS

**\$15 GETS YOU
2 GAMES W/ SHOES**

**AN EXTRA \$10 GETS YOU IN A
9 PIN-NO-TAP TOURNAMENT**

2 HOURS OF SERVICE WORK

DONATED BY

The Toy Shop

**\$100 CASH PRIZE
(MINIMUM)**

**ALL PROCEEDS
GO TO:**



DuKane Downed Rider Fund



A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS

**FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE!
BRING SOME FRIENDS AND LET'S
HAVE SOME FUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE**

Legislative : Amanda Gotte

Legislation season is upon us! We are going to have our work cut out for us this year. We lost many of our friends in the State House last November either from retirement or from losing their elections. The DuPage region was particularly hard hit from this. This means I will be looking for plenty of volunteers to attend fundraisers, eat some fried food, and have a couple drinks. If you are interested, call, text or email me and I will get you on my list.

About a week ago, I was told by Josh Witkowski (our State Legislative Coordinator) that our good friend Senator Tom Cullerton, IL S-23 Villa Park, filed Senate Resolution SR-68. This Resolution, if passed, will make the Executive Order Governor Rauner passed allowing the unregulated use of public roads for autonomous vehicles (AVs) null and void. The easiest way to get rid of this would be to have Governor Pritzker sign his own executive order revoking this. Senator Manar is already joined on as a co-sponsor. As new bills are filed, I will keep you informed. Also, make sure you are signed up for Josh's legislative update emails. In addition to discussing what's going on, there will be Calls to Action from time to time. If you are unsure if you are on his list, go to <https://abate-il.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=70b8cb6fcfd33794ddbfce5e&id=975d62b16f> and sign up. If you are already signed up, it will let you know.



Legislative day is coming up. March 6 we will be taking over the State Capital and attempting to meet with every legislator to discuss our issues. We will start the day meeting at the State House Inn at 9:30 am for our morning briefing. There will be a debrief meeting during a catered lunch this year as well, followed by our annual reception. The more people we have showing up, the better a chance we have to meet with all the legislators.

Finally, I have been asked to say a little bit about my position on the board and what I do. My primary function is to relay legislative information from the state level to our chapter members. I also pass along your concerns to the State Legislative Coordinator. If you would like to learn more about what I do either on the Chapter Board or for State PAC, feel free to get ahold of me.

Amanda Gotte

News You Can Use!

From time to time we might all go out and ride with a group of people we may not know. I hope one of those times will be the Food and Toy Run this year. I have gone to this seminar a couple times over the years. It is informative and if you don't often ride in groups, small or large, it can help you know what to expect and what is expected of you. I asked and was told to pass this on to our A.B.A.T.E. Chapter for anyone who may be interested.. Mike Nicholson

Group Riding Safety Seminar

Willow Creek Community Church | Rooms B205/207 Class: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Park in lot A or B - enter Chapel doors, turn left

We all know that riding a motorcycle carries an element of risk with it. When riding in a group there are additional skills and considerations needed to keep all participating riders safe. In order to provide the safest riding environment possible, we are asking HighRoad Riders to attend this important seminar to fine tune our group riding skills. The more of us who attend, the safer the ride will be for everyone.

Please attend this FREE seminar if you plan to ride with the HRRs or you just want to learn more about group riding. Invite your chapter, group, or riding buddies! All riders will benefit from this seminar.

Register if you plan to attend. This will help us to provide enough seating, training materials and refreshments for all. REGISTER at www.facebook.com/events/544265956052540/

Independent Representative: John Bloch

I have been a member of DuKane Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of IL since 2005. That is going on 14 years. During this time I have held several positions within the Chapter such as Independent Rep. (1 year), President (4 years) and Legislative Coordinator (1 year). I have also held the Northeast Regional Coordinator position for 4 years. And now I'm the Independent Rep. for another session.

As the Independent Rep. I am the members' voice on the board. So if you have a concern please contact me. My e-mail # is jbloch12750@gmail.com. My cell phone is 630-715-6215. Please leave a message if I do not pick-up. Or talk to me at the membership meeting which is held on the third Tuesday of the month.

John Bloch
Independent Rep



Public Relations: Linda Barnes

Public Relations Officer

Hi All- Sorry about the extra work this Newsletter edition. Yep it was my silly idea, I thought it would be beneficial to have the officers write about what their roles are on the board and to give some idea to the membership as to what we'd each be working on this year to better the membership experience and to grow DuKane ABATE. In a nutshell, the Public Relations Officer works in conjunction with their State counterpart to communicate State events and events of the DuKane Chapter. My job is to make sure we are communicating effectively and on the right media.

In 2019 I am trying to discover which platform or media works best for our membership. At the December membership meeting I took an informal poll of some members and the resounding preference was email, at the January meeting Facebook was raised as a preference. We are trying to focus our efforts on the preferred platform for the majority. Please answer our survey when we launch it.

We are also looking at text messaging as an option in 2019, but again, we are surveying our membership to see what their preference is. Let's have a banner year and spread the word about ABATE and the great things we do. Please feel free to share your thoughts, ideas and preferences at any time.

Very shortly you will be seeing the "Don't Let Robots Run Over Your Rights" posters in local dealerships and places that our members frequent. If you would like to put a poster up at your local hangout or biker friendly venue, please see me at the February meeting. I'll have a few posters for volunteers to hang up around town. How do you like the posters? I appreciate the help!



**DON'T LET
ROBOTS
RUN OVER
YOUR RIGHTS**

A.B.A.T.E.
of
Illinois

Join A.B.A.T.E. today
at www.abate-il.org!

"Major Car Manufacturers and Technology Giants are working with Political Insiders to bring driverless cars to Illinois roads. These powerful groups are not including safeguards for Motorcyclists in their discussions despite several accidents involving their robot cars and motorcycles. Some even talk of a future where all vehicles are self driven, possibly eliminating your freedom to ride all together. ABATE of IL is fighting to protect Motorcyclists' safety and rights while making sure we are a part of the future as well. Join ABATE today and protect your right to ride before it's too late."

YOUR LOCAL ABATE CHAPTER IS:

DuKane ABATE

Meets 3rd Tues. Every Month 7:30 PM

West Chicago
American Legion

123 Main Street,
West Chicago

www.dukaneabateil.org

Membership: Linda Barnes and Amy Nelson

Membership Officer

Membership Officer x 2 by Linda and Amy

For a year and half we have not been able to find someone to manage the Membership Officer position. In 2019, with Amy's help we will fill the position. The role of the Membership Officer is to maintain an accurate membership record, promote membership either in our chapter or with ABATE of Illinois. Along with that comes some book work like working with the State Office Manager to maintain the chapter membership role and the distribution of dues moneys. The dues you pay do not stay 100% with DuKane. For example, the dues a couple pays is \$45, \$6 of that remains with the chapter and the remainder is sent to ABATE of Illinois. The Membership Officer shall be responsible for reporting on all moneys associated with the position to the Chapter Treasurer.



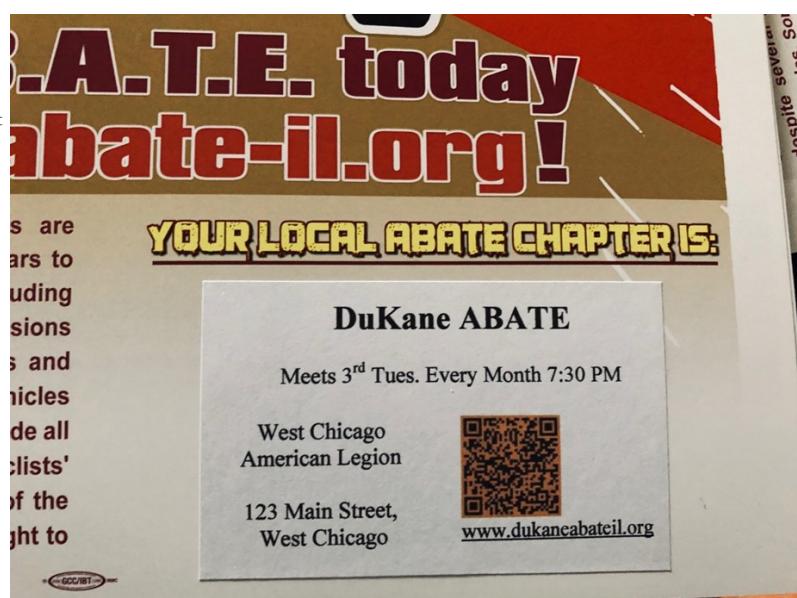
So how are Amy and I going to split the workload, easy....I'll do the back office work and Amy will do the front or customer / membership facing.

In 2019, we are looking to increase DuKane's membership. At 1/1/2018 our member count was 318 and on the first of this year the count decreased to 259. Overall membership in Illinois has decreased about 6% from 7450 to 6980. Our decrease is about 19%, so all of us should be working to change the negative into a positive. Remember the membership renewal drive that we had last year, Amy and I will be doing something similar this year.

Amy and I are also looking to improve the membership renewal process and new membership "onboarding". It's our goal to get the new members involved quickly and the best way to do that is to get that information not only to the state office, but to make sure our Newsletter and Public Relations Officers have the new member names ASAP. Plus maybe a follow up call from a member of the board to see if they have any questions and to make sure they know when the next meeting is.

Please grab some membership applications at the next general meeting, keep them with you and when you meet a new rider, gather with friends or make a stop at the gas station ask them if they are members of ABATE. The trifold application contains some good information about

ABATE and great speaking points on why they should be members. Notice the QR code on the Robot Poster? Where does that link take you? Be the 1st to tell Amy or I at the membership meeting and you



A New Year, a New Shirt and a New Idea:

NEW IN 2019

We are all about **trying new ideas. How about an annual t-shirt promoting all of our planned events instead of doing just the annual Toy and Food Run T-Shirt?**

ANNUAL DUKANE T-SHIRT & YOUR ADMISSION TO EVENTS

\$30



How does this work? Easy....Pay and Play

Purchase the t-shirt

Wear it to any DuKane meeting or event

If there is an event fee for admission you don't pay -Must wear t-shirt to event (except for 3/24 ABC which is raising \$ for the DuKane Downed Rider Fund and covering bowling fees)

Wear the t-shirt often- Please be part of Public Relations team

DuKane will hold contests throughout the year for wearing the T-Shirt

\$ YOU SAVE \$

2019 fees are going up from 2018

2018 fee \$10 Kneeeze in the Breeze

2018 fee \$5 for Bikini Bike Wash

2018 fee \$10 for Food and Toy Run

Why change? Over the last few years after the Toy and Food Run we have been carrying an inventory of Toy Run merchandise, which is not good! This is cash just sitting in the trailer and aging. This year we have an online store (link will be available on our DuKane Website) where you buy the t-shirt and other items. T-shirts will be available for purchase at the February and March meetings, 3/24 ABC, 6/9 Kneeeze in the Breeze and 7/20 Bikini Bike Wash. Other dates to be determined.

Treasurer: Tina Hejnar

Financial management and/or oversight. A Treasurer may manage or oversee the management of the financial affairs of the organization, often including such basic tasks as selecting a bank, reconciling bank statements, and managing cash flow. In some organizations, the Treasurer may also be responsible for investing funds consistent with applicable laws. The Treasurer should be knowledgeable about who has access to the organization's funds and any outstanding bills or debts owed. The Treasurer should create and maintain systems for ensuring the organization's ongoing solvency and oversee the development of the organization's financial policies. Helpful policies to consider include check signing authority, expense reimbursement, credit card usage, and petty cash policies, if applicable.

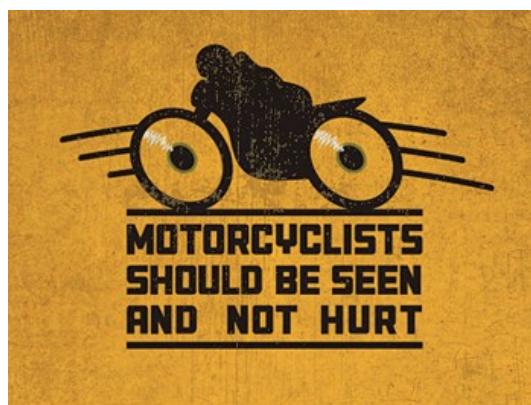


Budgets. The Treasurer may be responsible for preparing, or facilitating the preparation of an annual budget, as well as regularly monitoring and comparing the actual revenues and expenses incurred against such budget. The development of a budget that supports the organization's goals and drives decision-making is an important part of an organization's success in effectuating its mission. The budget should be reviewed and approved by the board, however, the Treasurer should be prepared to explain and justify the document.

Reports. The Treasurer should have thorough knowledge and understanding of the organization's financial reports and important financial ratios. The Treasurer should keep the board apprised of key financial events, trends, and concerns, and her assessments of the organization's fiscal health. The Treasurer is also generally responsible for completing, or ensuring the completion of, required financial reporting forms (including the IRS Form 990) in a timely manner and making these forms available for the board's review.

Financial Liaison. A skilled Treasurer should be able to translate financial concepts and information for board members who do not have financial backgrounds or substantial financial experience. The Treasurer should spend time learning the particulars of the organization's finances and the applicable laws, which may include laws related to earned income, the unrelated business income tax, appropriate expenditures, and prudent investments. The Treasurer can be most effective to the board when she is facilitating and encouraging the board's strategic thinking about the short and long term financial vitality of the organization in relation to its advancement of the organization's mission.

Tina Hejnar
DuKane Abate Treasure
630 277 1911
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Secretary: Amy Nelson

As secretary this year I intend to keep minutes of all Executive and Chapter meetings, review those minutes at meetings, furnish a copy of said minutes to all designated chapter representative(s) and take roll call of all Officers present. I shall perform any other secretarial duties as directed by the Executive Board. I shall keep a permanent record of all Chapter and Executive Board minutes.

Additionally I will continue to collect donations as I have in years past for the Toy and Food Run.

Thank you,
Amy Nelson



Newsletter: Mike Nicholson

Hi all,

We have all been asked to explain what we do in our various positions. Mine is fairly simple. I mostly gather items from our Board members and other sources and format them into the newsletter. I also take a few minutes to share things I have seen while out and about. Think filler, or I hope some entertaining words that might make you think about something I found interesting.

Ride safe and I hope to see you on the road.

Mike Nicholson
Nicholson.michael.j@gmail.com



Webmaster: Michael G. D'Aversa

It is both my honor and privilege to be serving the second of my two-year appointed term as Webmaster for the DuKane Chapter. My role is simple: I maintain our chapter website, dukaneabateil.org, as a communications channel for members and non-members alike, working closely with our PR Coordinator, our Events Coordinator, and other board members to make sure we provide a consistent message. The time demands of this position are relatively light, when compared to that of some other roles, and I would recommend this position as a viable point of entry, even newer members, especially somebody with an interest in websites, WordPress, etc.



Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 7:30pm
at the American Legion, Post #300
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Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ County: _____ Registered Voter? (1) _____ (2) _____

Congressional District: _____ Senatorial District: _____ Representative District: _____

Date of Birth (1) _____ - _____ - _____ (2) _____ - _____ - _____

Occupation: (1) _____ (2) _____

Year/Make and Size of Scooter(s): _____

eMail Address(es): _____

Membership Renewal Fee: () \$25.00 per year, Single () \$45.00 per year, Couple

Moneysaver Special: () \$100.00 per 5 year, Single () \$180.00 per 5 year, Couple

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