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Hi!

I am sure you are counting the days until you can ride again. I sure am! But in the meantime, I have my ear to the ground on issues that affect your motorcycling rights. The HOT BUTTON topic this month was the USA v. The Mongol Nation. The last update I had was that it was pushing thru to appeal the decision that the TRADEMARK could be seized and forfeited. Now, you may say "how does this affect me? I am not a member of the Mongols or a club member." Let's look at the long range implications of having a precedent such as this set. If the government had succeeded, which they did not, your patch, my patch, club patches, social club, riding club patches, etc. could all be subject to forfeiture. There could be non-distinction or confusion as to what law enforcement would consider a threat or a non-threat. And I am sure that having the power to remove your vest and have it seized could get out of hand quickly so that is why this court case was watched very closely by all MROs in the country including A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS.



When this issue of 1st & 8th Amendment violation hit the courtroom of U.S. District Judge David O. Carter, he sent out a request to MROs and various organizations to submit a brief detailing why this seizure was against a motorcyclist 1st Amendment and 8th Amendment Rights to free expression and excessive penalties and A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS complied and sent a "Friend of the Court" brief to California and because of A.B.A.T.E.'s and many other MROs involvement Judge Carter refused to enforce the jury's decision after ruling that taking control of the insignia from club would be unconstitutional. From what I understand, A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS's Friend of the Court brief was used as part of Judge Carter's decision. His statement to the court "There is a realistic danger that the transfer of the rights associated with the symbol to the government will have a chilling effect," Carter wrote. He is right on with his decision and this is great news and a huge win for motorcycling rights. Now it is on to Washington DC and put forth the Federal Anti-Profilng bills that we want to be take seriously. The fight isn't over!

If you ever have a question regarding topics or issues you have heard about, feel free to contact me at 630-669-2588.

Ride Safe, Ride Free

Judy Kaenel
President

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Vice President: Joe Barnes

A Bit from the “ViP”

Have you seen the new DuKane event t-shirt around town or in pictures on Facebook? Stop by the next chapter meeting on Tuesday, March 19th to purchase yours. Our first event is the ABC ABATE Bowling Classic on March 24th. Wear your new DuKane t-shirt, you never know when our prize squad will be awarding prizes for wearing the new t-shirt.



NEW IN 2019

ANNUAL DUKANE T-SHIRT & YOUR ADMISSION TO EVENTS

\$30

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?

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 Kneez in the Breeze

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



Ready to Ride,
Joe Barnes

Events: Chris Hansen

Happy March Everyone!

It's finally time to ride and motorcycles will be back on the road soon. Hopefully Mother Nature cooperates and gets us that rain and thunderstorms to wash the salt away. It's also time to make sure that cagers know we're back out there and to open their eyes and watch out for us! On to our events.

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. If you got the chance to watch our Facebook Live video, Joe and Linda Barnes were at the Brunswick Zone talking with bowlers, and there is a lot of buzz about this event.

Lots of bowlers are planning on attending, so this should be a great turn out and fundraiser for the DuKane Downed Rider Fund. Registration starts at 3pm and the bowling kicks off at 4pm. \$15 will get you 2 games of bowling, including shoe rental! Food and drinks are available from the bowling alley. And, if you're up for the challenge, for an extra \$10, you will be entered into a 9 Pin-No-Tap Tournament with the winner winning a cash prize and 2 hours of service work donated by The Toy Shop & Motolounge! Cash, check, or credit card will be accepted.

Next up on April 20th is the Sycamore Speedway kick-off event. DuKane ABATE will be in attendance as this is the night that Sycamore Speedway will be announcing that the 33rd Annual Toy and Food Run will be their charity for the year. This is a huge announcement and it's great that the Speedway and Winners Circle will be taking donations for the event all year. Gates open at 4pm and it's \$5 to get in. We hope to see a lot of members there to kick this off!

I look forward to seeing you all out on the open road soon!

Until next time,

Chris Hansen

Events Coordinator



DuKane ABATE

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS DAY

OPERATION END DISTRACTED DRIVING

MAY 4TH, 11AM - 2PM

We'll be on Route 47
making people aware
that it's time to put
the cell phones down.

47 & 64
47 & 38
47 & Main
47 & Galena



Volunteer at www.dukaneabateil.org

2ND ANNUAL
ABC
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

Public Relations: Linda Barnes

Public Relations Officer

Hi All-

Have you seen 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 March meeting. I’ll have a few posters for volunteers to hang up around town. How do you like the posters? I appreciate the help!



I’ve got other irons in the fire and I haven’t forgotten about the other ideas and plans for the chapter.

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? We asked the same question last month and no one answered us, so we’ll be looking to launch a new puzzle/quiz soon.

In the next month we are looking to launch a survey to determine the best medium for keeping you informed.

Saddle Up, Linda



State Board of Directors Representative; Kley Abel

As it's still kinda the "off season", so not a whole lot of "earth shattering" info or updates from the February Board of Directors meeting this past month. The new board was seated in January - as seen in the latest state paper. Dennis Byron, our new state coordinator brought up we really need to start focusing back more on what we're about and who we're here fighting for. AND as individual chapters and members, if we want to start getting the message out that we aren't going to tolerate being discriminated against, we need to start taking a hard look at where we patronize when we're out on runs, etc. Why would we want to patronize an establishment that has a NO COLORS policy?



Did you go to the state party last year? The executive board is looking for your feedback - good, bad or indifferent. They're still planning on doing something similar again this year, but not necessarily with a large headliner band. The state seminar - renamed ABATE STEEL (Seminar To Educate, Empower & Lead) - did fairly well, approximately 269 members attended and we're told the PACs did fairly well with their fundraising efforts.

Organization wide, we're hovering just above 7000 members, but as of this writing, it's most likely fallen below that point now. If we want to continue to be a valid organization, we need everyone's support! I believe Judy wrote in a older newsletter a piece about a lot of people being "fair weather riders". This was not to say just they only ride when the weather's decent - but rather how complacent everyone's gotten with ABATE's successes at keeping our freedoms free. I know we keep preaching this, but we cannot let our guard down - because if we do, that's when the brain trust down in Springfield will sieze on that opportunity to start taking those freedoms away - now more than ever with the current political landscape in Springfield.

Ski had a bit to say from the legislative standpoint, but I don't want to steal Amanda's thunder, so I'll let her elaborate further on that. As its that time of year again, the non-preferred vendors list was up for review at this meeting, and the executive board brought a recommendation to the BoD to eliminate it as a whole - this was passed unanimously. ABATE of IL is hosting the 2020 Heartland STEAM conference, so they're already getting their ducks in a row for that - just from a logistics perspective, and that we've held it there before, Peoria will be the hosting site for this event the first weekend in April of 2020. It will be in Nebraska THIS year...

As much as we all want to kill that rat-bastard of a groundhog, spring WILL be here before you know it..

keep the rubber side down.

Kley Abel



Legislative : Amanda Gotte



ABATE of Illinois

Legislative Update March 11, 2019

In this issue: More Legislative Day Re Cap, and Bills We're Following

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Legislative Day was a Success, but there's still work to be done

Last week's Legislative Day was a success. The hard work of everyone that showed up led to many new opportunities for ABATE, but our work isn't done yet. I'm very busy following up on all the new activity at the State House. We have many people wanting to sponsor legislation, and

help move our priorities. Keep an eye on your emails, and our Facebook Page for fast updates.



Legislation ABATE of Illinois is Following -101st General Assembly

ABATE of Illinois Supports Senate Resolution 0068 – This resolution revokes the Executive Order signed by former Governor Rauner allowing driverless cars and semis on Illinois Roads without oversight. We believe regulation should come from legislation, not executive order.

ABATE of Illinois Opposes House Bill 2575 - This bill would allow Driverless cars (autonomous vehicles) to operate on Illinois roads creating a field test that could put Motorcyclists' lives in danger. There have been significant safety issues with AVs in other states including AVs unable to recognize motorcycles. There are no safeguards in this bill to protect motorcyclists.

Our lives should not be used to test new technology.

ABATE of Illinois Opposes House Bill 3334 – This bill provides that counties “may issue” rules on poker runs, which could allow them to refuse to adopt these rules & not allow these vital community fundraisers. ABATE is working with the sponsor & the tavern owner’s association on this issue.

ABATE of Illinois Opposes House Bill 3619 & Senate Bill 1817 - These bills would expand tax credits for Ethanol blends of 20% or more. It is illegal for motorcycles to use any fuel with more than 10% ethanol. Continued expansion of ethanol-based fuels could reduce quality fuel available for motorcycles.

ABATE of Illinois Supports House Bill 1624 - This bill would exempt motorcycles from paying tolls on the Illinois Tollway. This would encourage more motorcycle use which can shorten commute times by reducing congestion and put less strain on tollway infrastructure.

ABATE of Illinois Supports House Bill 3126 – This bill would prevent revocation of liquor licenses based on violations of the Poker Run and Raffle Act. Gaming issues shouldn’t affect liquor.

ABATE of Illinois Supports House Bill 3466 - This bill updates police training and methods to prohibit traffic stops based on riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle clothing. Maryland and Washington have passed similar laws in recent years.

ABATE of Illinois Is Watching House Bills 3066, 3374, & 2068 – This series of “off-road” related bills have the potential to increase Rural Tourism by allowing off road use of county highways, but there are issues with proposed language and the possibility of creating a new class of vehicle. ABATE is open to discussions on these issues.

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Membership: Linda Barnes and Amy Nelson

Membership Officer

Membership Officer x 2 by *Linda and Amy*

Welcome New Members:

Todd Ward of Carol Stream
Robert and Julie Duermit of Batavia

Please stop by the next social and
general meeting on March 19th,
we'd like to meet you.

See you soon,



Members Celebrating Birthdays in March



Aquamarine is Birthstone * Daffodil is Flower

Anderson	Jason	Naperville
Baish	Adam	North Aurora
Belton	Kimberly A	Montgomery
Bonner	Robert	Medford
Bratschun	John	Jeffersonville
Chandler	Reed	Batavia
Crigley	Ed	Roselle
Edwards	Reed	Carol Stream
Elliott	Wally	Elburn
Halsey	Jenny	Elburn
Hensen-flow	Melanie	Elburn
Johnson	Melvin H. Sr.	Elgin
Loomis	Patti	St. Charles
Lyle	Erin	Aurora
Moses	Mike	North Barrington
Noble	Lee	North Aurora
Preston	Bruce	McHenry
Ralls	Roy	Glen Ellyn
Ramey	Randy	Carol Stream
Santelli	Michael	Lisle
Shackleton	Alan	Sugar Grove
Sima	Joe	Roselle
Trejo	Luis	Plainfield
Voights	Kelly	Aurora

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Starting this month we will be letting you know when your membership is due to expire.



EXPIRED FEBRUARY 2019

D'Aversa	Michael	Plainfield
Dugan	Bill	Wheaton
Goffinski	Robert (Gopher)	Sycamore
Jamrozik	Carol	Chicago
Jamrozik	Carol	Chicago
Nicoloff	George	Cortland
Tedesco	Michael	Chicago
Wendell	Robert	Creston
Wendell	Sara	Creston
Werst	Matthew	Bartlett

EXPIRING APRIL 2019

Baish	Adam	North Aurora
Barnes	Joseph	Wheaton
Dircks	Keith	Downers Grove
Flores	Kathy	Geneva
Kopystynsky	Bob	Schaumburg
Loomis	Patti	St. Charles
Mertes	Chuck	West Chicago
Paulette	Chuck	Sandwich

EXPIRING MARCH 2019

Anderson	Susan	Carol Stream
Baldino	Michelle	Batavia
Besenhofer	Peter	DeKalb
Crigley	Ed	Roselle
Edwards	Sue	Carol Stream
Edwards	Reed	Carol Stream
Giuliano	Michael	DeKalb
Giuliano	Karen	DeKalb
Gotte	Amanda	Oak Park
Kinnaman	Jack	Bensenville
Lander	Mark	Elgin
Lander	Jeanne	Elgin
Laris	Jim	Carol Stream
Laurance	Michael	Elmhurst
Lawler	Ed	Elburn
Martin	Shelby	Glendale Heights
Miller	Ron	Romeoville
Nelson	Amy	St. Charles
Prine	Hunter	DeKalb
Rayner	Joseph	South Elgin
Robinson	Diane	Aurora
Ruppel	Jane	Oswego
Ruppel	Charles	Oswego
Ruppen-thal	Kurt	Batavia
Schoof	Randy	Aurora
Simpson	Anthony	Geneva
Simpson	Julie	Geneva
Siwula	Ron	St. Charles
Sutphin	Rick	Batavia
Trawle	Bruce	Wheaton
Ward	Charles	North Aurora
Wendell	Judy	Heyworth
Wendell	Rick	Heyworth

Our Next Meeting

Social Hour on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30-7:25pm before the meeting.
\$5 for a Baked Potato Bar and a slice of Texas Sheet Cake.

See you on MARCH 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.



Newsletter: Mike Nicholson

Hi all,

March is here and to prove it we are losing the piles of snow and gaining deep water. As the weather improves many of us will begin to be out on the road. With all the news we got from Springfield, both good and bad, we still need to remember just a couple things. If someone breaks the law and hit you, you may win in court, but you can never beat the laws of physics on the road. The other is all motorcycles are given a special coating before they leave the factory. You don't pay for it at first. Later you may find it has cured and made your ride invisible. Then you may pay for it since you can't just be floating along you must not be there so others will not see you.



These are just a couple of ways to say, KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN OUT THERE, we want to see you again.

On a Newsletter note it appears we will be taking Ads and Classifieds from Members again. The details are being finished this month and I hope to have the first in next months Newsletter. To those who have expressed interest I will get in touch when everything is finalized. If you are interested drop me a note to be added to the list.

A Few Words From One of Our Supporters

It has been an eventful few months for the motorcycle industry in Chicago! We (Windy City Motorcycle Company) recently partnered with Fox Powersports to form Windy City-Fox Motorsports. We are excited about what this means for our customers and the increase in rides we will be able to offer throughout the 2019 season and years to come. You can check out our locations and upcoming event calendars at www.windycitymc.com.

We are always looking for new and creative rides that offer new experiences and roads you may not have traveled. This year we are excited to add a Great Lakes Tour to our Windy City Motorcycle Tours lineup. This 2,500 mile ride up to Canada will travel the back roads of ALL the Great Lakes, not just Lake Michigan and includes stops along the way at quaint local establishments and a stop to experience Niagara Falls. Pretty exciting as a rider.

As we add rides and continue to pursue ways to get you out on the road, we want to thank for the work that ABATE is consistently putting in to monitor the state of laws and rider freedoms to ensure that we are always making progress as a riding community. Specifically their work with House and Senate members on Legislative Day this past month.

I hope to see many of you on the road very soon.

Ride Safe and Live Free,

As always I am available to discuss any concerns and open to suggestions and ideas at oz@windycityhd.com.

Ozzie
CEO Windy City-Fox Powersports
www.windycitymc.com



A.B.A.T.E. at Legislative Day in Springfield



Several DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Members were among those who went to Springfield to meet with our elected state representatives. To find out more check out the information that was passed on by Amanda Gotte or Legislative Representative.

Her report will give you some idea of the impact getting involved and letting those in office can have.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 7:30pm
at the American Legion, Post #300
123 Main St. West Chicago, IL 60186

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DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Membership Form
(Please Print Legibly)

Date: _____

() New Member () Renewal () Change Card # _____

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
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