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One thing A.B.A.T.E. has taught me is how to successfully move across the legislative aisle to accomplish everything motorcycle! Politics are tricky. In today's political landscape there is one helluva a lot of divisiveness and it can be difficult to rally the troops to get things done. We don't support this candidate or that because of their party. This has a zero place in A.B.A.T.E. We accomplish everything we set out to do because of relationships we form. We get to know our lawmakers on not only a legislative level but a personal level.

I keep my personal politics personal. I like to think of myself as an independent voter. Which by the way is the MOST sought-after voter there is – yep I am special that way. I cannot be pinpointed by party line and that is how we at A.B.A.T.E. present ourselves or least how we should. I can go to a Democratic fundraiser on Tuesday and then a Republican one the next night. Because I have learned great respect for our lawmakers and how they treat A.B.A.T.E. I can work with everyone. You may disagree with how A.B.A.T.E. endorses but it is quite easily explained. It is a simple process. We support those that support our motorcyclists and the Freedom of the Road. Period. What you do in the privacy of the voting booth is just that – private. A.B.A.T.E. sends out Voter GUIDELINES surrounding election time. These are guidelines not telling you how to vote.

All this being said. Our membership is based on people that have all kinds of political beliefs. There have been times I have been told to “reign in” a member because they may be too vocal on social media or things along that line and have been informed that he/she could jeopardize a relationship we have or are trying to cultivate with our lawmakers. My reply is that I will never stop my members their constitutional right to free speech. Relationships are built on personal contact. Meeting with the Representatives and getting to know them goes a long way in retaining mutual respect. You get to know the biker friendly reps; you will get mutual respect. That reigned in member? They have been to offices and fundraisers for both parties. They even have been invited to a BBQ or two. Why? Because they took the time to meet and get to know their representatives. Lawmakers do not have tunnel vision. They aren't going to flip out because Joe Blow posted a silly meme on Facebook. And if they do? We are bikers, we get a little out of hand sometimes – embrace it! Legislators represent ALL constituents in their districts regardless if the people vote for them or not. They will listen to you if you take the time to get to know them. They know that when we get down to business, we VOTE MOTORCYCLES. Period.

So, in conclusion, get out and meet our Illinois State and Federal reps. Participate in PAC fundraisers. Walk in Parades. Plant Signs. Take the time to have a conversation with the lawmakers. Doors are always open to the voters just take the opportunity to walk thru one.

Ride Safe, Ride Free

Judy Kaenel, President



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Vice President: Joe Barnes

A Bit from the “ViP”

I'm sure there have been plenty of times in each of our lifetimes that we each looked across the table at our brother or sister and wondered what mom and dad were talking about and why they didn't understand what we were going through or that they just didn't get it. Mom and dad always thought they knew everything, and how many times have we thought the same about our children and those relationships. We became our parents. The motorcycling community and ABATE have found ourselves in a similar situation. Why don't the younger riders or sport bikers understand what we've done for them, why don't they want to join ABATE, or what don't they understand? The one thing I'm certain of is that the younger generation and sport bikers do understand politics and I believe they are trying to prove themselves. Now, how do we bridge the disconnect between the older riders and the younger riders? Thanks to Judy and Wally we have a very good friend named Mike Taylor and he owns the Toy Shop in Arlington Heights. Mike promotes ABATE as often as possible and even provided the vinyl screen prints on our DuKane Toy Trailer. In early July, our Kneeze in the Breeze Ride launched from the Toy Shop. We were hoping to have some new riders join us and we did. We recruited 5 new members. I can't say they were sport bikers or much younger than 30, but it was a win. The Toy Shop welcomes all makes and models, but the clientele is the younger rider. Mostly sport bike riders and we at DuKane are trying to bridge the riding gap and find out what the younger riders are looking for and how we can have them become members and contributors. Let's face it, we are aging out and we need the younger generation to step up, and we need to help them charter the course in regard to motorcycle laws and education.



We were hoping to get some sport bikers at the Kneeze Ride. Last year Judy, Linda and I checked out the Glow Ride that leaves out of Schaumburg and welcomes all riders. We committed to joining Mike Taylor, The Toy Shop and Ride Chi at the 6th Annual Glow Ride the end of this past July. We had a booth and talked to many participants about ABATE of Illinois. We made a dent, but need to do more. By the time this article is distributed we will have made another attempt at getting to know the younger riders by hosting an old fashioned cook out at the Toy Shop at their weekly bike night. Several board members will be grilling hot dogs and talking to visitors about ABATE and how we can help each other. Do you have ideas on how to engage the younger riders or do you want to help us save ABATE? The membership numbers for ABATE of Illinois are dropping and we need to build the membership back up, but it's not a one biker job, we all need to help.

Let's talk in September at the general meeting about how to engage the younger riders. I'm going to miss the August meeting because I'll be riding around the Great Lakes with a bunch of bikers.

See you soon,

Joe Barnes
VP DuKane Chapter



Events: Chris Hansen

WHAT A JULY! We had three amazing events this past month, and the weather was great for all of them. The Kneeze in the Breeze Run with over 75 motorcycles, the Bikini Bike Wash where the girls - helped by Jenny Halsey and Amy Nelson - washed over 85 motorcycles, and the 4th Annual #Sethtastic Motorcycle Run with all 107 motorcycles were all incredible! But, guess what?? IT'S TOY AND FOOD RUN SEASON!



I am so proud to be your coordinator for the Toy and Food Run this year, and let me tell you. The response and involvement from the Sycamore Speedway has been absolutely amazing. They are all about this event and want to, along with us, make it the best one yet. That being said, I want to see as many of you as possible out at the Sycamore Speedway on **September 28th** for DuKane ABATE Race Night! We will have pre-sale tickets available for \$12.00 for this event, otherwise it's \$15.00 at the gate. It'll be a night of motorcycle-

cles, DuKane ABATE giveaways, Street Stock Twin 25s, and more! Gates open at 6pm, and qualifying is at 6:30pm with races to follow. This will be a huge party to count down the days to the 33rd Annual Toy and Food Run, so let's pack the place with motorcycles, bikers, and DuKane ABATE! Be sure to wear your Events T-Shirts!

The work on the Toy Run is already in full swing. Amy Nelson is absolutely killing it with sponsors and donations. We already have a ton of confirmed supporters like Capital Asset Group, First Centennial Mortgage, Superior Beverage, Hanson Farms, Valley Fire Protection, Excel Automotive Repair, Knucklehead's Tavern, Schmidt's Towne Tap, Winners Circle, Illinois Powersports, Synergy Strength, Tietz Law Firm, and more! The response has been incredible, and I couldn't be happier. The starting points (Fox River Harley-Davidson, Heritage Harley-Davidson, Toy Shop & Motolounge, Barbed Wire Harley-Davidson, and Wild Fire Harley-Davidson) will be receiving their toy and food donation boxes



after this month's membership meeting. There will be a fun contest at the membership meeting that has to do with that, so make sure to attend! This year, there will be a change to trophies handed out. There will be a trophy for most off site registrations, most toy donations, and most food donations. Plus, the after party is ramping up with confirmed music by Fire the Canon, Heartless, and Ashley Victoria, plus motorcycle detailing by Aly Raggs Detailing, a burn out competition (trophy given to the best), the Santa Girls, and more! Judy and I have also been working with Kevin from Graphics 2000 on the 33rd Annual Toy and Food Run T-Shirt, incorporating the Sycamore Speedway. Stay tuned for that info! The DuKane ABATE Flyer Team will be out soon with thousands of flyers to hang. As always, I appreciate their hard work! There are many more details to come, so make sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates.

Just a head's up to Toy and Food Run Volunteers. Judy and I are putting together a night for all volunteers to meet up. Watch your email for details!

I will be working vigorously to make this the best Toy and Food Run yet. As always, if you have questions, concerns, or ideas, do not hesitate to contact me at any time!

Until next time,

Ride Safe!

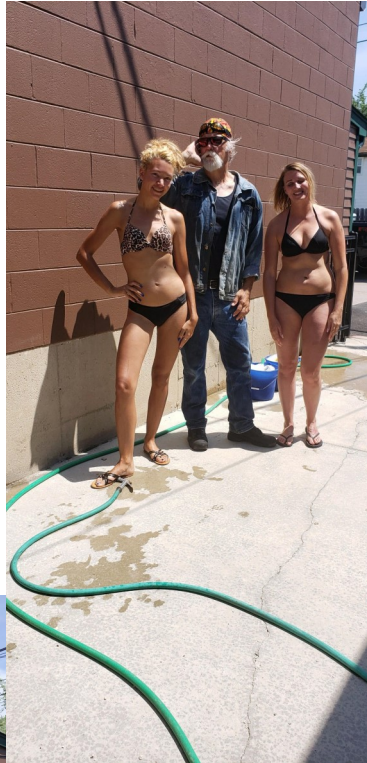
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Fun at the DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash



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DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois

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Sunday, October 13, 2019

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\$10 p/p On the Speedway Stage!



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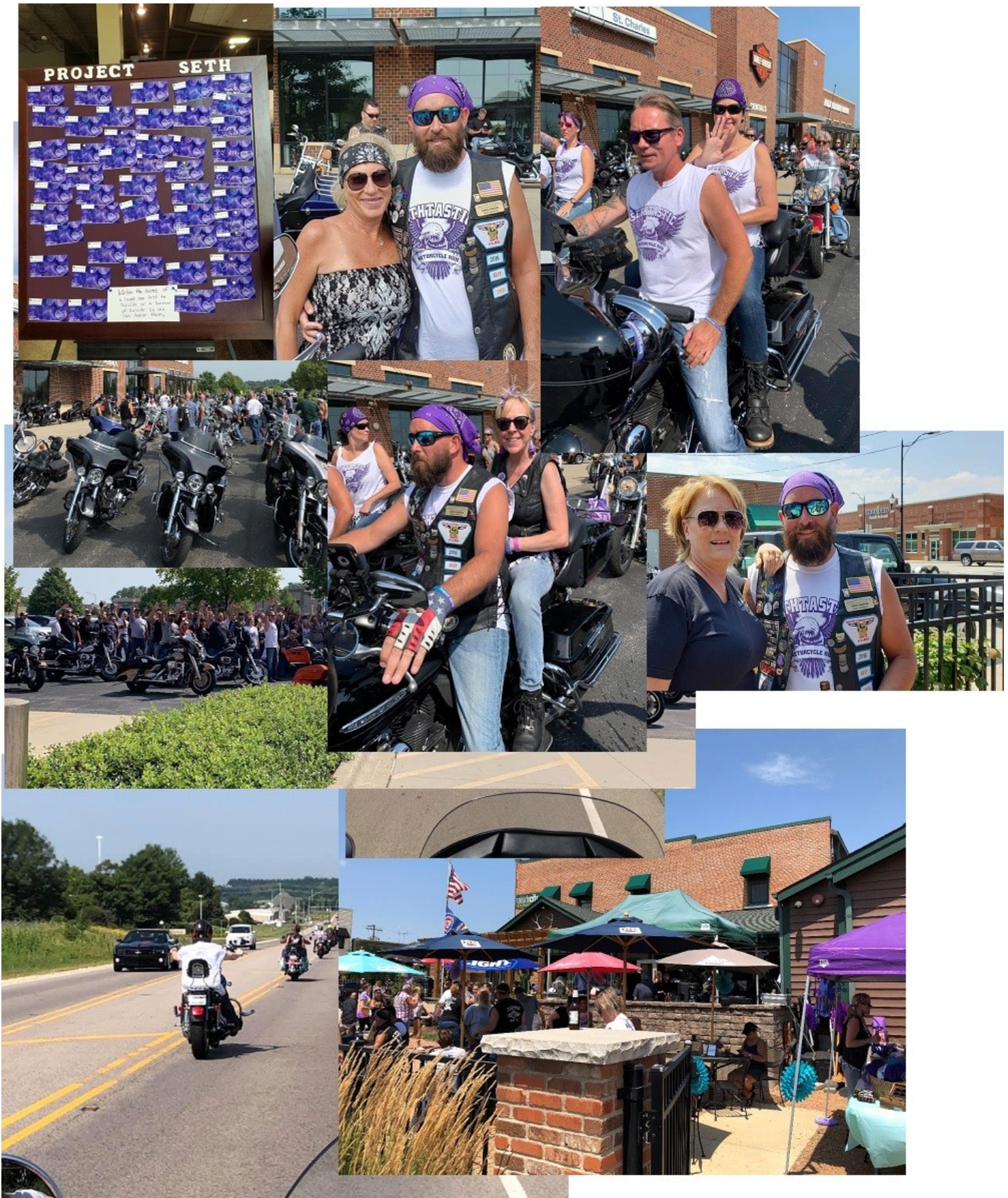
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Events: Chris Hansen

The 4th Annual Sethtastic Motorcycle Run



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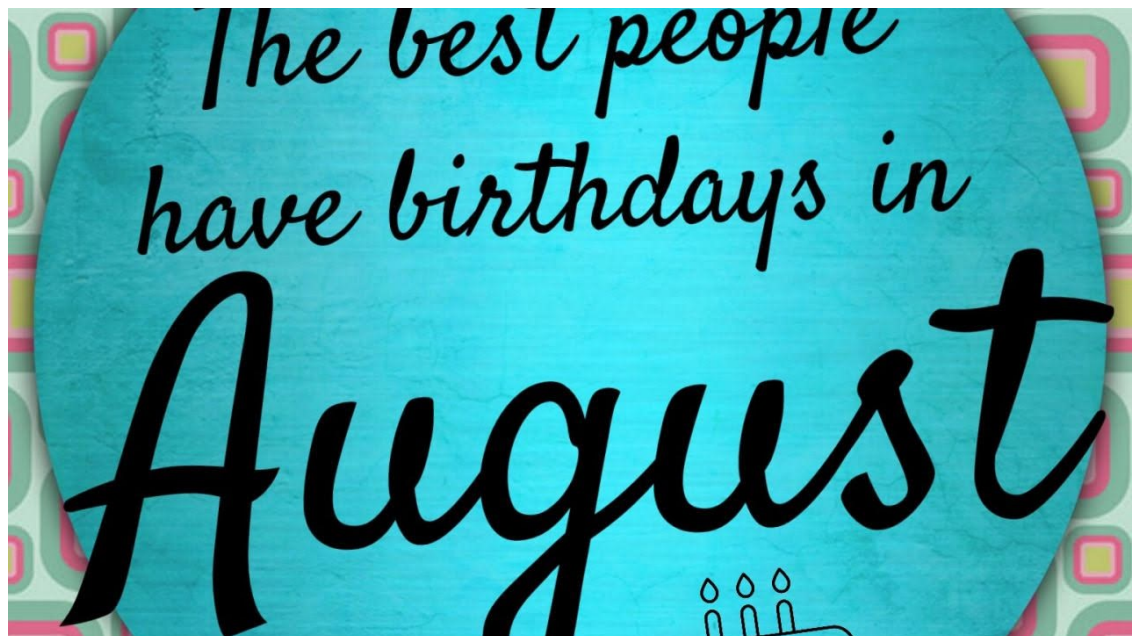
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Membership: Linda Barnes and Amy Nelson

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Dwayne "Rudeboy" Rudolph

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Independent Rep; John Bloch

Sunday, August 25th at Panera Bread,
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Join John Bloch for breakfast at 8 AM, after breakfast saddle
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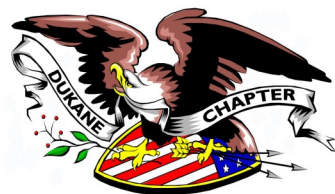
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