



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

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Happy New Year DuKane members!

It's 2020 and what a year it's going to be. I'd like to welcome new BOD members Patty Smith (Legislative), Chris Newman (Events), and Nathan Klapatch (Webmaster) and thank Judy Kaenel, Michael G. D'Aversa and Amanda Gotte for their work over the years. Their boots are going to be hard to fill, but we'll blaze the trail with the paths they've made.

This is going to be a huge year legislative wise and a big year to determine the direction of our state's – and our country's – direction going forward. I had the pleasure this past weekend of being a part of the Illinois A.B.A.T.E. PAC grading session to determine who supports us and who we'll support going into the primary election on March 17<sup>th</sup>. I encourage all members to get involved and pay close attention to your legislators and see who is going to be the best candidate for you and your rights. The A.B.A.T.E. PAC grading guide will be coming out in the next state newsletter. Please remember that it is EXACTLY THAT. A guide. A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois does not tell you who to vote for. A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois just lets you know who stands where with our issues as motorcyclists in Illinois. The freedom to choose is just that: your freedom.

I would like to congratulate our local friends and candidates that received endorsements from A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois PAC/FEDPAC: Sue Rezin – Congressional Candidate for the Illinois 14<sup>th</sup> District, Stephanie Kifowit – Candidate for the Illinois 84<sup>th</sup> Representative District, Barbara Hernandez – Candidate for the Illinois 83<sup>rd</sup> Representative District, Allen Skillicorn – Candidate for the Illinois 66<sup>th</sup> Representative District, Cristina Castro – Candidate for the Illinois 22<sup>nd</sup> Senate District, Randy Ramey – Candidate for the Illinois 45<sup>th</sup> Representative District, Laura Curtis – Candidate for the Illinois 49<sup>th</sup> Representative District, Corinne Pierog – Candidate for Kane County Board Chairperson, and Rob Russell – Candidate for Kane County Coroner.

Going forward, there are a few things that we will be looking to accomplish with the DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. We will be looking to bring back more involvement from our MCs/RCs in the area and to get more involved with sport bike riders. There are a couple of MCs/RCs that have been very receptive to this, two being the Chrome Angelz RC and Justified MC with a few others, and I look forward to our chapter working with them going forward, especially one issues like motorcyclist profiling. As for sport bike riders, we already have a great working relationship with the Toy Shop & Motolounge and Mike Taylor out of Arlington Heights. There have been some discussions with others like MCC Motorcycle Center out of Villa Park and Fox Valley Cycles out of Aurora. The talks have been slow, but it'll take work for this to grow, and I believe it can. We'll also be getting more involved with Cycle Gear Bike Nights out in Bolingbrook, which has a very big Ducati presence. We'll also be teaming up more with Law Tigers too! It's going to be a great year with new ideas and plans to make A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois a stronger force and if you have any ideas, please let me know!

Until next time,

Chris Hansen

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

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# Vice President: Joe Barnes

A Bit from the “ViP”



Happy New Year everyone! Are you ready to get rolling and bowling at the ABC bowling event on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Do you want to hang out with bikers on a Sunday afternoon/evening? Come on out and have some fun, or just watch us. I also manage a bowling league for those that like to ride on Sunday evenings, Hog Wild League. We bowl every Sunday (except Feb 2/2) 6:30pm at the Bowlero in Glendale Heights. We finish on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

We have quite a few members attending the State Seminar later this month and learning more about what the board can be doing to help with our motorcycle right fight, involving our members and better ways to enhance the chapter. If you'd like to get more involved, please give me a call or shoot me a note.

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Let's get this year started, we've got some new board members and it's a very exciting time with new ideas.

Ready to Ride,  
Joe Barnes

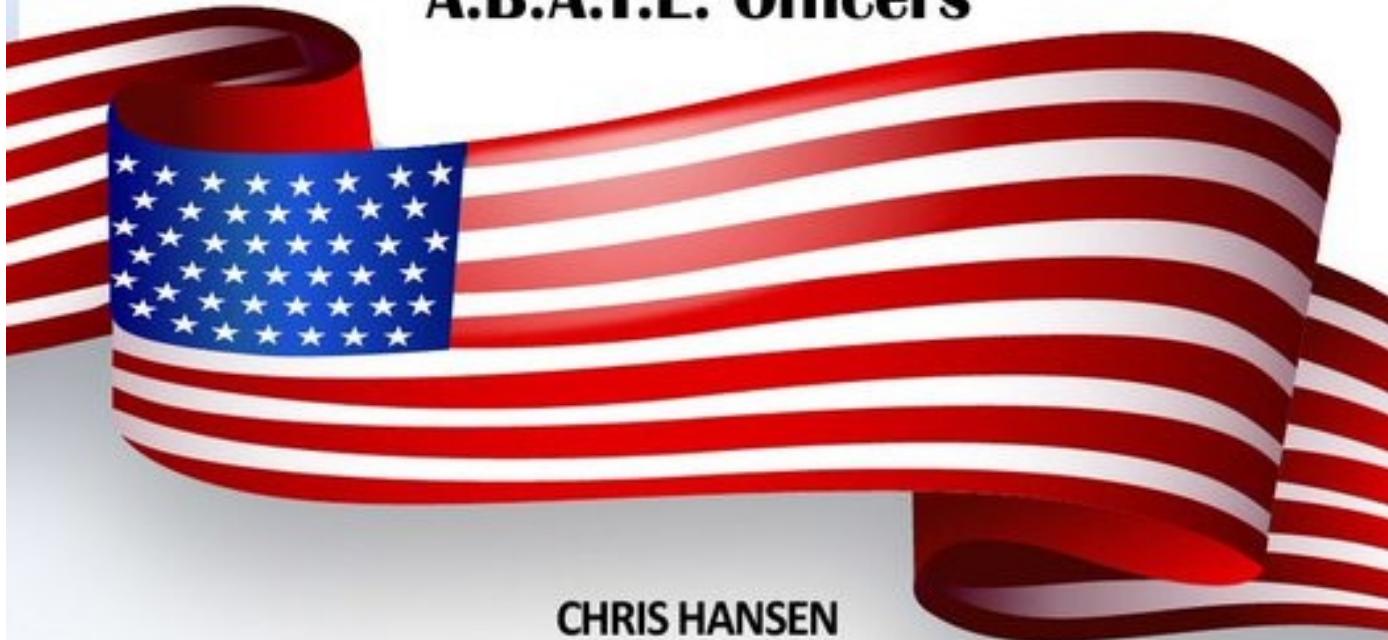


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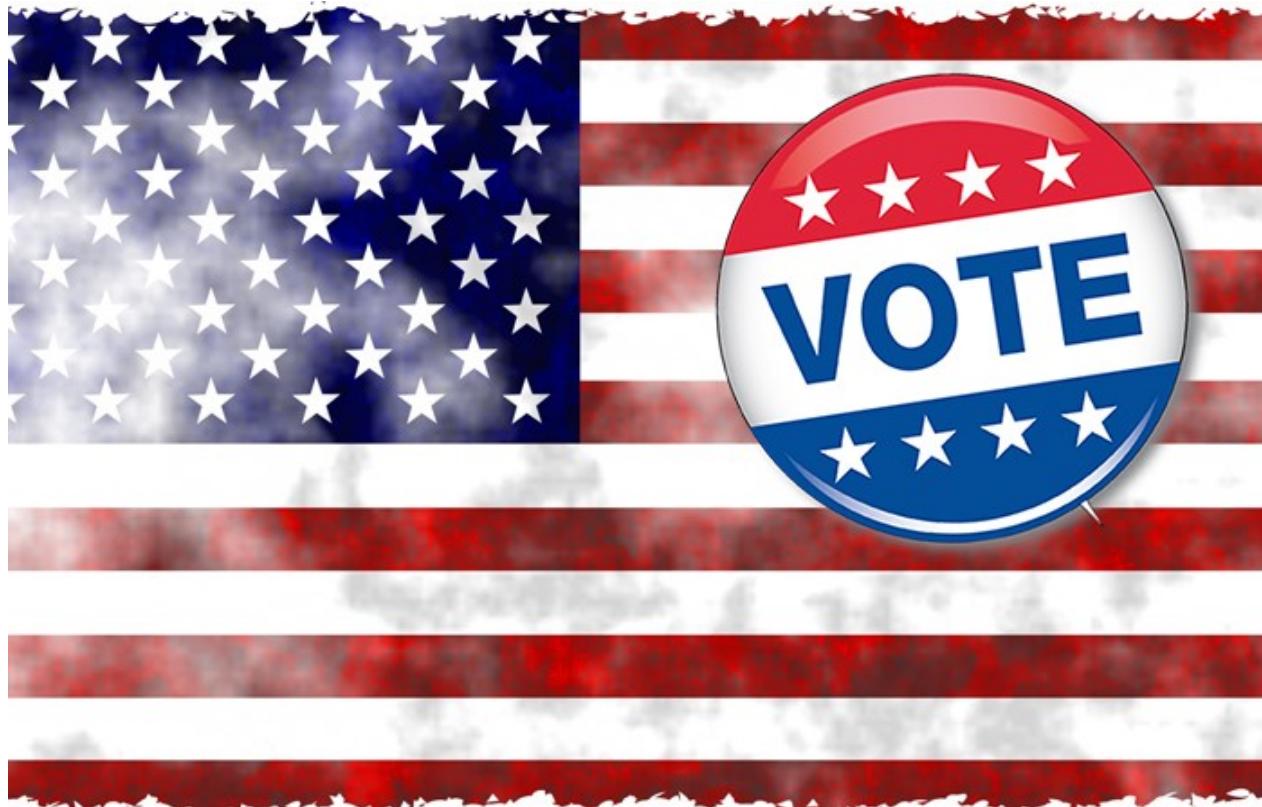
# Legislative: Patty Smith

ABATE is an organization dedicated to preserving the rights of motorcyclists, off-roaders and ATV riders through education, safety, awareness and POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. ABATE began because the government tried to ban motorcycles. Absolute fact! Let's get back to those same grassroots efforts.

It's been difficult trying to find the time to prepare an article because we've been so busy. Fun & sometimes frustrating, but busy. Office visits, phone calls and fundraisers. But that's what we do; it's our job. Grading session has come and gone. Chris & I were on our phones almost non-stop making sure our candidates received, completed & returned their surveys. It seems we were one of the only chapters doing that. So, we also reached out to a couple newbies from outside our chapter area to help them out. We'll reach out to their area chapters to make sure they're connected.

Legislative Day is Wednesday, March 25. Due to last year's fiasco we'll be at a different location. The Wyndham City Centre is still close, just not across the street. DuKane has sent out a letter to all the chapters in the state issuing a challenge. Because this election year is so very important, we've asked them to double their participation. You know what that means, though; we have to be the example. Last year we had fewer than 10 participants and, of course, it's always the same people (for the most part.) There is a reception that evening with the legislators. It really is a fun time. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting or you may call me or Chris. Last year we were successful in having two bills passed into law. Let's be greedy this year and go for four!

Patty Smith



# Legislative: Patty Smith



"Protecting Motorcyclist Rights & Freedoms"  
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Dear Chapters:

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DuKane Chapter has a challenge for you. Legislative Day is Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and we'll be in a new location this year, the Wyndham City Centre. Now, we have 6,000 +/- members in this organization. Let's pack this place! What we're asking you to do is this: Double the number of people you brought last year. If everyone who participated last year brings a friend then you've got it. We realize that may be difficult for a few chapters but at least try. Tag along with another chapter. Reach out to all your members, active or not. Reach out to all your friends, members or not; but then why wouldn't your friends be members? Go through your membership lists and make some calls. Sometimes people just want to be asked to do something.

Last year we were successful in getting two bills passed into law. Why not go for four this year? Let's show Springfield that A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois is still a force to be reckoned with. Are you in?

Fighting for you,

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# Local Candidates Endorsed by A.B.A.T.E.of Illinois PAC

**A.B.A.T.E.**



**A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois PAC**  
endorses  
**Corinne Pierog**  
for  
Kane County Board Chair

**A.B.A.T.E.**



**A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois PAC**  
endorses  
**Rob Russell**  
for  
Kane County Coroner

Where does a candidate stand on motorcycle related issues? What are their thoughts on safety issues? Will their opinions have an effect on what you do? These are a few of the things to consider before you vote.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 7:30pm  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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