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Hello DuKane members!

Welcome to April. I hope that you all had a great and blessed Easter. I hope that you got to enjoy some great food and possibly Zoom or Facetime with family and friends.

It's a very interesting and confusing time in the state right now as we deal with the Coronavirus pandemic. Governor J.B. Pritzker has extended the Executive Shelter-At-Home Order until April 30th – at least – and as we move through this we are trying to learn and understand more every day.

Numerous events have been postponed or cancelled. The A.B.C. – A.B.A.T.E. Bowling Classic, The Honor Flight Ride, and the Greasiest Motorcycle Show 3 (Now June 6th – 7th) have been postponed. Heartland S.T.E.A.M., Motorcycle Sunday, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Freedom Rally, and A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Legislative Day have all been cancelled. There are events that we can look forward to in hopes that they will happen this year like the Kneeze in the Breeze Run, the 5th Annual #Sethtastic Motorcycle Run, Ride Janie Ride, the 2020 Ride for Autism Speaks, and the 34th Annual DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Toy and Food Run!

There have been numerous questions regarding the legality of riding your motorcycle during Governor Pritzker's Executive Shelter-At-Home Order. The topic has been covered a few times by A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Legislative Officer Josh Witkowski and most recently A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois President Dennis Byron. Per the EO, riding your motorcycle is allowed for essential travel like getting groceries, going to the doctor or pharmacy, or getting fuel. Well, as Biskit talked about in his video, are you a biker or not? Going to get groceries doesn't mean you have to ride to the grocery store 2 minutes away from your house. Maybe go to the grocery store in the next town over or hell, the next state over. I, for one, believe that riding your motorcycle is essential for mental health, allowing you to decompress and clear your mind while enjoying the open road.



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From the President: Chris Hansen

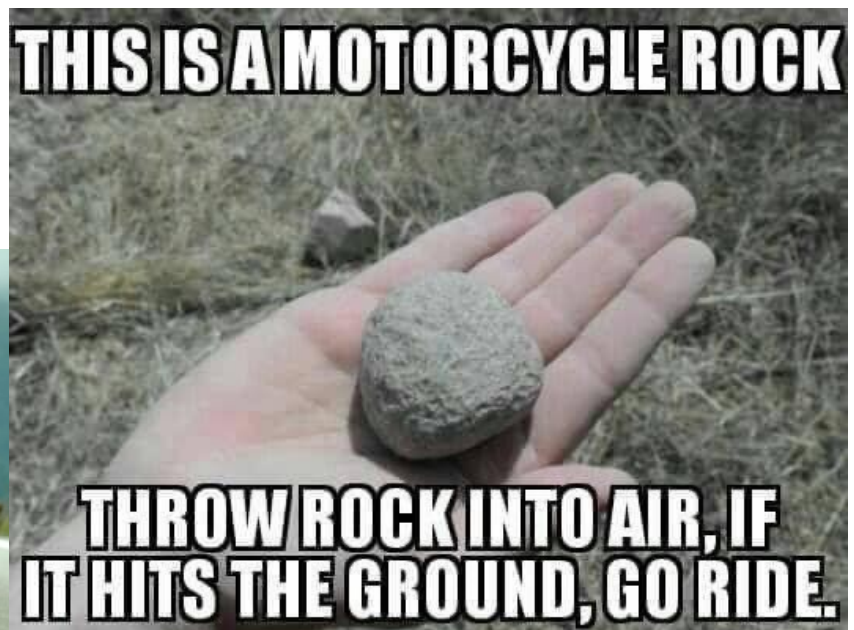
Here are my recommendations for getting through this COVID-19 pandemic when it comes to motorcycling:

- 1) **RIDE YOUR MOTORCYCLE!** As talked about above, get out and ride. It's essential!
- 2) Practice Social Distancing. Don't go out in huge groups or announce on social media that you're putting a ride together. Go by yourself or invite one or two other riders and stay 6 feet apart.
- 3) Carry masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves with you. You can never be too careful.
- 4) Support local! Dealers like Barbed Wire Harley-Davidson, Fox River Harley-Davidson, Fox Valley Cycles, Heritage Harley-Davidson, MCC Motorcycle Center, The Toy Shop & Motolounge, and Wild Fire Harley-Davidson are all working through this to be able to service you and your motorcycle needs. Don't buy online or from Amazon. **SUPPORT THEM!!!!!!!** Remember our other local businesses when this is all over like Knucklehead's Tavern too!

I'd like to say thank you to all of those on the front lines during this pandemic (nurses, firefighters, police officers, grocery store workers, etc) that continue to make sure we have what we need and to keep us safe during these unknown times. I'd also like to commend those that are doing what they can to make things better in our communities, like Corinne Pierog working to get PPE for food pantries and other social services directly dealing with food delivery. Thank you to all!

Please stay safe, stay distanced, stay healthy, and when possible (after that great motorcycle ride) stay home. And, don't let Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot catch you!

Chris Hansen
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President: Joe Barnes

A Bit from the “ViP”

**Could someone please tell my wife that Social
Distancing does not apply for her and I!
Stay Safe Everyone!
Make good choices if you choose to ride.
See you soon**



Legislative: Patty Smith

For those of you who know me you know that I speak my mind. Sometimes it even gets me in trouble. I am also a pretty die hard Republican. However, the Republican candidate is not always the right person for the job. This "free thinking" is not embraced by the Illinois GOP. They've even told me on two occasions to, and I quote, "Get the f@#k out of the party." Well, to that I say get rid of Tim Schneider and stop putting up RINO's where we need a strong candidate. That's just me!



As legislative officer of the DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois my role is a little different. While there are many issues we may struggle with personally, A.B.A.T.E. is about motorcycles and motorcyclists...period. Sometimes there are legislators I may not care for (for personal reasons) but they are good for A.B.A.T.E. I am able to sit and have a conversation with them because that's what I have to do. I do not go into these meetings with an agenda other than motorcycles. Personal agendas and attitudes get checked at the door. You all need to know this before Legislative Day (if we are still able to have one.)

Chris and I will be sitting down with some candidates and legislators as soon as this "shelter-in-place" is over. If you have a motorcycle specific question, let me repeat that, Motorcycle Specific, please get in touch with me or Chris. We need to vet these people who want to represent us in Springfield and Washington, DC. They need to know that motorcyclists are people just like everyone else. We are taxpayers. And we vote.

It all comes back to GRASS ROOTS. I'm happy to be one mouthpiece but it's going to take a lot more of us to keep this organization strong.

Patty Smith



Membership: Linda Barnes

Membership Updates from Linda Barnes

Membership is an awesome gift!

A new membership can be established a variety of ways: Number 1 is the preference and quickest

1. **Log onto our website- dukaneabateil.org** (don't forget the ORG) <https://dukaneabateil.org> . Click on the **Membership** tab and follow the link for "Electronic Registration" which takes you to Square. <https://dukane-chapter-abate-of-il.square.site/>
2. Send an email with the following information to dukanemembership@att.net and we will get you an application and create an invoice in Squareup: All we need is: *New Member Name, Full Address, Cell Phone Number, Date of Birth, email address and if this will be a single or couple membership. Singles are \$25 per year of \$100 for 5 years and a couple is \$45 for a year or \$180 for 5 years.*
3. Mail in the standard application available at any meeting or event, or
4. Stop by a meeting and apply



Welcome New Members

Susan Fasse
Roxanne Rorah
Michael Shedivy



Thanks for continuing to support A.B.A.T.E

Adam Baish
Joseph Barnes
Linda Barnes
Bob Daehnke
John Davies
Kermit Dodson
Greg Galeles
Amanda Gotte
Jody Klopp
Jerry Knudtson
Phil Kraft




Noel Weston

Thomas Mille
Carol Nicholson
Mike Nicholson
Leigh Ann Obenauf
Mitchell Obenauf
Joseph Rayner
Diane Robinson
Randy Schoof
David Sobol
John Usyak
Gary Vandenbos

DuKane's current process for **renewing** expiring memberships: An email requesting they renew via Square is sent at least 1 month prior to the expiration. If we do not have an e-mail we will send a note via USPS.

Membership: Linda Barnes

Memberships that Expire in May:

	<p>Peter Besenhofer Michael D'Aversa Dale Erwin Karen Giuliano Michael Giuliano Robert (Gopher) Goffinski James Harding Timothy Hatcher Scott Huizinga Chuck Ingersoll</p>	<p>David (Dave) Janis Ken Karasek Jr. Lea Kloster Robert Knorrek Ron Miller Roland Snyder II Cheryl Soto Mario Jr. Soto Charles Ward Mark Wilson</p>
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If you have not received the notice please contact dukanemembership@att.net
Notices are being emailed soon, please watch your inbox.

Memberships Expiring in April 2020.

Help us connect with these members.

<p>Alison Bloch Bill Dugan Kathy Flores Deanna Hanczar Dale Leonhard</p>	 <p>Chuck Nadr Michael Santiago Bill Uchyn Scott Webb</p>
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Membership: Linda Barnes

Memberships that Expired in January-March:

Richard Artz
Andre Balderas
Denice Bausano
Dave Benway
Robert Duermit
Julie Duermit
Bill Dunne
Don Grotz
Raymond Heck
Gomer Johansson
David Johnson
Tim Kearney
Harold Lassen
Ed Lawler
Tim Lawrence
Jack Levitt



Deanna Link
Marty K. Lyle
Erin Lyle
Mike Melvin
Jim Moore
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Bill Sims
Debbie Sims
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Bruce Trawle
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Sara Wendell
Robert Wendell
David Zimmerman

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April Birthdays

**Linda Barnes
Denise Bratschun
Michael D'Aversa
Dean Evans
Harvey Goodwin
Harvey Hoyer
David (Dave) Janis
Patti Kleckner
Arthur Kleckner
Johnny Knitter
Phil Kraft**



**Joseph Karczewski
Erin Lyle
Lisa Mills
Mike Moses
Lee Noble
Roy Ralls
Randy Ramey
Roxanne Rorah
Michael Santelli
Alan Shackleton
Kelly Voights**

Events: Chris Newman

I do hope everyone is staying distant and safe out there. As of this moment, our DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Motorcycle Awareness Day is still on the calendar for May 9th at 11:00 AM. Come join us in spreading awareness of motorcycles along route 47 in Elburn. I feel that we can safely practice physical distancing as we call attention to distracted driving. Members and supporting nonmembers alike are welcome so bring your friends! Please stay informed about current status updates for all A.B.A.T.E. events on our DuKane Facebook page.

The May Freedom Fest and Rally in Springfield has been cancelled without a future date planned L

The rescheduled Legislative Days Event scheduled for May 12th has been cancelled without a future date planned L

I hope to see everyone at the Annual A.B.A.T.E. State Party scheduled for June 25th thru 28th, it is still on! You can inquire about early bird tickets, camper hookups, golf cart rental, etc. at abateil@yahoo.com or by calling 1-800-ABATE. See attached flier.



Go Forth and Ride! – Chris Newman
DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Events Officer

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| 1) Motorcycle Awareness Day Route 47, Elburn | Saturday, May 9 from 11 AM |
| 2) Kneeze in the Breeze Run The Toy Shop, Arlington Heights | Sunday, July 5, 2020 |
| 3) Bikini Bike Wash Knuckleheads Tavern, 108 E North St, Elburn | Saturday, July 18, 2020 |
| 4) SETHtastic Motorcycle Run Fox River Harley-Davidson, St. Charles | Saturday, July 25, 2020 9:00 AM |
| 5) 34th Annual DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Toy & Food Run | Sunday, October 11 at 9:30 AM |
| Start: Knuckleheads Tavern, 108 E North St, Elburn | |
| End: Sycamore Speedway, 50W086 IL-64, Maple Park | |





CANCELLED

**A.B.A.T.E.
Annual Freedom Rally
Sunday May 3, 2020**

Come Support Your Rights

Line up starts at 8 AM

At the IDOT parking lot

2300 South Dirksen Parkway

Springfield, Illinois

**START SEEING
MOTORCYCLES**

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ABATE OF ILLINOIS, INC LEGISLATIVE DAY - 2020



RALLY FOR MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS

Tuesday May 12, 2020

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