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Hello DuKane members!

Welcome to July. I hope that you all had a great 4th of July and were able to get out and celebrate America on two wheels. I, myself, was able to get out, put on some miles, and stop at places like Fat Daddy'z, Boondocks, and Snug Harbor Marina. I also managed a nice sunburn.



Things are starting to look up here in Phase 4. Chicago Cubs Baseball is back, The Sycamore Speedway is going back to racing, we're "allowed" to be in groups again, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois BOD Meetings have gone back to in person, and this month your DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Membership Meeting will be in person at the West Chicago American



Legion again. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Half of being an A.B.A.T.E. member is the interaction with the brotherhood. I'm beyond excited that we'll all be able to be together again and work for the rights and freedoms of all motorcyclists/off-roaders/ATV riders in Illinois.

Our Kneeze in the Breeze Run was a huge success. Your Events Officer Chris Newman put together a great event starting at the Toy Shop & Motolounge in Arlington Heights and ending at the Winner's Circle Bar & Grill in Maple Park, with music by the We Ain't Right Band. Your Vice President Joe Barnes did great leading everyone on a great route and there were no issues which is always the most important thing. We gained some new members out of this event and thank you to Judy Kaenel for taking the time to speak at the event about what A.B.A.T.E. means and does in Illinois. It was great to have Nick Kasper and the DuKane A.B.A.T.E./Law Tigers Race Car on site too! Also, special thanks to Kermit and the Christian Motorcyclist Association for all of your help at this event!



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From the President: Chris Hansen

This brings me to the 5th Annual #Sethtastic Run. As a lot of you know, I've been a #Sethtastic Motorcycle Run Chairman since its inception and it's been a huge honor. Suicide and mental health have for too long held the stigma of "not being able to talk about it", and we need to change that. Losing Seth to suicide was devastating, but what has come out of it with his parents Brett and Laura and family creating Project Seth has been extraordinary. Project Seth exists for people to know they have a place they can reach out if they need to and it exists to ultimately eliminate suicide. DuKane A.B.A.T.E. has supported Project Seth and the #Sethtastic Motorcycle Run for years and will continue that streak. I'm looking forward to the event, like always, as it holds a special place in my heart. Thanks to Fox River Harley-Davidson, Schmidt's Towne Tap, Capital Asset Group, Law Tigers, Kane County Sheriff's Department, and Crossfire for making this happen.



July is a busy month for us. See you all at the DuKane A.B.A.T.E. Bikini Bike Wash, 5th Annual #Sethtastic Motorcycle Run, 1st Annual TLS Veterans Motorcycle Run, Motoblots, Ride for K9 Koda, and other events the rest of this year.

Until next time,

Chris Hansen
DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois President
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Independent Rep: John Bloch

Hello all,

We had Dukane Chapter's first event, for the year, the Kneeze in the Breeze. I participated in the ride by providing blocking services at intersections. I think it was well attended. I had to pass many bikes to get to the front of the line from the rear. For all who attend I hope you had a good time.

Next event for Dukane is the Bike wash. See you there.

John Bloch
Independent Rep.



BOD Representative: Kley Abel

BOD Report:

Well, it was good to get back to some semblance of normal...The June BoD meeting was in-person, however at a different location. I think the general consensus there was: FINALLY! It was good to get out and see everyone again. HOWEVER, for now the state's guidance is to follow the governor's guidance. BUT, there's just so much that our organization can do virtually via Zoom or whatever vs. meeting in person - We need to meet - IN PERSON. That being said, with so much uncertainty about schools reopening in the fall, the Northfield Inn (Where the state seminar is held) gave us a VERY good offer to continue to hold the BoD meetings there, so for the foreseeable future, beginning with the remainder of the meetings this year, they'll be held there.

On the Legislative front from the BoD meeting: If you haven't seen any Ski's live-steamed updates from Facebook, he reported we were making some good headway there, then the excrement hit the ventilator, and everything they'd started ground to a screeching halt. Then, when they did return, nothing on our agenda was touched. To our dismay, verbiage rolling back the TA trailer plate fees wasn't gonna get addressed with a 10' pole as they were all scared to death to deal with ANYTHING that touched revenue. So that's being pushed off until next year, and there's quite the possibility that we may not need to fight for it as aggressive as we had been, as it seems that Ski has heard that TA plates and FOID card issues are the A #1 bitch that all the reps south of I80 are getting hammered with. That being said, the TA's will get addressed next year in the next GA.



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At the federal level, the MRF put out that call to action, and that made a world of difference. All the amendments they were asking for - verbiage for profiling, Robo cars, Safety & Design, members on advisory councils all were included. This all came out of committee, so expect another call to action this fall to let your congressman know to vote yes on the bill's passage. And speaking of profiling, yes it's alive and well in Illinois. At this point in time, please keep in mind, if you're wearing your colors, YOU ARE REPRESENTING THAT ORGANIZATION! So, DON'T BE A DICK! Businesses have the right to refuse service to ANYONE, so if you feel your personal happiness is well served going to an establishment that doesn't allow colors, well, you've been so advised.

A word from Safety & Ed, so far this year, Cook, McHenry & Will counties are the worst in Crashes/Deaths. Of all of them reported in Cook county alone, the vast majority of them were riders WITHOUT the M endorsement.

Memberships are dwindling, so the state is having to make some hard choices, one of which is the state paper, YES, it's still being put out, but NO for this year, it will be electronic ONLY. DuKane did this a few years back, it is inevitable. It's a huge chunk of change to produce on an annual basis, so if you DO have email, I know the state website ain't that great, but it's better than it was, please consider reading both online.

As of this writing, the state party has been cancelled, that's to Covid - but Mark made the call to do so, because the fair board still has to deal with state level agencies and he didn't want us complicating their "lives".

Lastly, HEY! guess what? It's an election year! The PACs have \$\$, but not THAT much \$\$ so if you're looking to attend a legislator's shin-dig, be advised they are going to watch where they're spending their pennies starting with those candidates in heated races. In the meantime, be on alert to help out with campaigns! In-person events are starting to get scheduled and I'm sure help with yard sign placement will also be requested sooner than later.

That's about the June BoD report in a nutshell, the rest is dry details that I won't bore you with, and I really don't feel like typing again.

Events: Chris Newman

Just a few reminders of events, rides and activities that are coming up.

Chris



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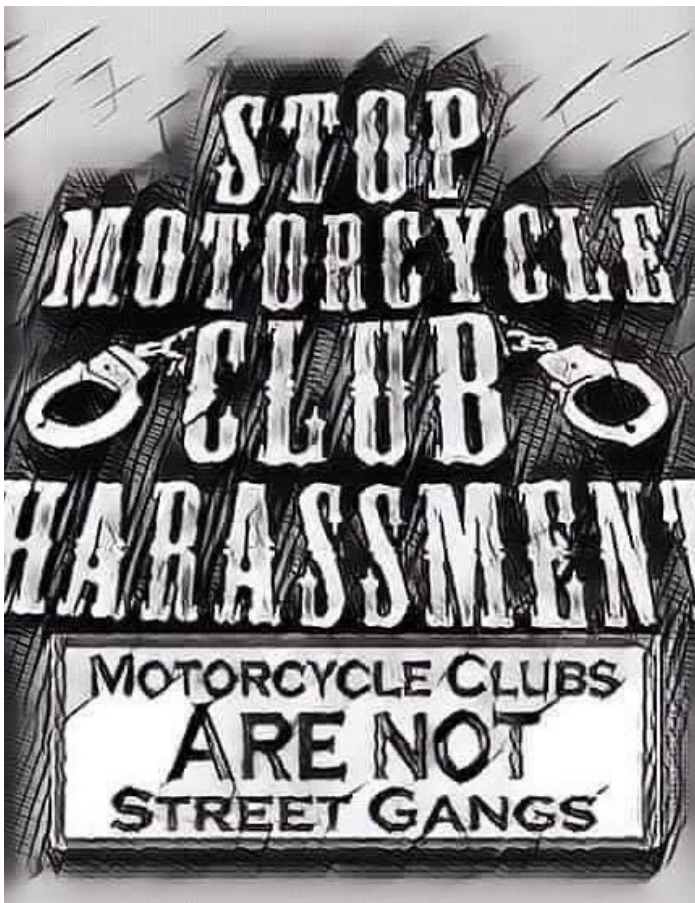
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Editor: Mike Nicholson

Hey DuKane,

I hope you had a chance to participate in Kneeze in the Breeze. If not, don't worry. You may have noticed the lineup of rides and events before you got here.

If you can't make it to these rides, plan your own. Better yet, don't plan your ride. Get out and explore. Use a coin to choose right and left turns. Find out where that road ends, or where you run out of time.



Some of the ride I have had the most fun on with my wife started with let's go and a random direction. Ride until you are hungry and that roadside shack smells good.

Back on Memorial Day the weather was great, a certain state to the north had slipped their restraints and was looking to welcome a few FIBs. We decided

to grab a burger at Charlies in Paddock Lake and eat it in the lakeside park across the street.

I forgot they close for holidays. So off to the next, closed. And the next 2 were prepping to fully open the next day by painting and such. Now what? We braved the tiny crowd in Lake Geneva and rediscovered the fantastic food to be had at Joni's Diner.

Just last Sunday we took a short ride to go check out a town we had passed through the day before. We were on the way back Saturday, wet, and to tell the truth discouraged by failed plans. As we dodged more rain we went thought downtown Elmhurst. Yeah, Elmhurst. It reminded me of an old friendly downtown. So Sunday we went back and checked it out on foot. We will likely go back to some of the shops and maybe try a place to eat. On the way back it became a trip through time as we remembered places gone, Maywood Park Race Track, Kiddieland and all the go-kart tracks near it. Now an empty lot, Costco and parking lots.



The point is you can still get out, ride and enjoy life. Let chance and whim be your guide and you never know what new experiences will come your way or what fun will be found.

See you along the road.

Mike Nicholson

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