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Hello DuKane ABATE!

I start this month's article off on a somber note with the loss of another brother and DuKane ABATE member as Nick "Opie" Peterson has gone on to ride in the sky. Opie was one of the kindest bikers I knew and would have given the shirt off his back if it meant helping someone. I am absolutely still



in shock over this tragic loss. My heart breaks for Brittany and the kids and I, and the chapter, want to send our thoughts, prayers, and condolences to them and to the family and friends. May he rest in peace.



The cold weather is here, but we're not letting that stop us from reaching out to our communities about motorcycle safety and awareness. Safety & Education Officer Steve Waltz and Membership Officer Mark Garrison are already lining up schools to visit to speak to students. We're looking to continue leading the way this year when it comes to speaking to students after they spoke to over 5,000 students in 2023. Their efforts do not go unnoticed, and we appreciate the hard work they do. It's critical to get in front of younger inexperienced drivers to make sure they're keeping their eyes on the road and watching out for motorcyclists. We're also looking for new ways to get involved with more community events to spread the word about the work that DuKane ABATE does to preserve the legacy of motorcycling in DuPage and Kane Counties. We've been approached about being a part of the Corn Boil in Sugar Grove, IL and are currently looking at that as a great opportunity to spread the word.

DuKane ABATE had a great time at the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar. Events Officer Chris Newman, Independent Rep #1 John Bloch, Membership Officer Mark Garrison, Public Relations Officer Nathan Klapatch, and myself were all in attendance. This weekend was filled with fun, and we got a lot of new ideas to bring back to the DuKane Chapter to help with the work we do for motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties. We got to hear from Illinois State Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer and United States Congressman Mike Bost. It was also great to hear from Hard Tail, President of the MRF and the Harley-Davidson Motor Company discussing the H-D Riders Academy Courses. The auctions were fun to be a part of and we enjoyed the camaraderie (and tacos) in the hospitality room getting to see old friends and making new ones. Big shout out to ABATE of Illinois Assistant State Coordinator Scott "Scooter" Carter and ABATE of Illinois Activities Coordinator Sharilyn Kibler-Russell for a great weekend.



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President: Chris Hansen

Keeping up on the situation with Ricardo Rivera, the man who took the life of John "JJ" Jones, he now has arrest warrants out in Kane, DuPage, and Cook Counties. The search continues for this man, and we will continue to monitor this situation to see that he has justice served for taking the life of one of our brothers. Big thanks to Events Officer Chris Newman and John's family for the communication on all of this.

There are a lot of great events coming up like the DuKane ABATE ABC – ABATE Bowling Classic on March 17th and more and I look forward to being home from on the road seeing you all there. Be sure to attend our next Monthly Membership Meeting on February 20th to keep up on the work of DuKane ABATE to preserve the legacy of motorcycling in DuPage and Kane Counties.

Until next month,
Ride Safe – Ride Free

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R E S T I N P E A C E
NICK "OPIE"

PETERSON

A Rider, A Friend, A Brother



Vice President/Legislative Rep.; Randy Ramey

Hello All,

103rd ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly kicked off the Spring 2024 Legislative Session this week. Both chambers were in session Tuesday and Wednesday but cancelled Thursday's scheduled session. Jan. 19 was the deadline to request a substantive bill be drafted for consideration during the 2024 Spring Session. Friday, February 9 is the deadline to file substantive legislation in both chambers. Note that in order to focus on drafting new legislation, the Legislative Reference Bureau will not draft amendments between now and February 9.



Endra Curry will begin on January 22 as the new Research and Appropriations Director for the House Democratic Caucus. Curry, who was hired following a national search, comes from South Carolina where she served as the nonpartisan Director of Financial Policy since 2020. Before that she was the Senior Budget Analyst for the Senate Finance Committee.

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association is working in conjunction with members of the General Assembly to form the new bipartisan, bicameral Illinois Manufacturing Caucus. The caucus is co-chaired by state Representatives Amy Elik and Justin Slaughter, and Senators Sue Rezin and Patrick Joyce.

Speaker Welch formed a "New Arrivals" working group to address the state government's policy response and budgetary approach to handling the influx of migrants into Illinois. Representative Gong-Gershowitz -- who has 20 years' experience as an immigration attorney -- will chair the new effort. Other members are House Majority Leader Robyn Gabel; Speaker Pro Tempore Jehan Gordon-Booth; Assistant Majority Leader Kam Buckner and Representatives Dagmara "Dee" Avelar; Eva-Dina Delgado; Terra Costa Howard; Hoan Huynh and Dave Vella.

The behavioral health workforce shortage will be the topic of two upcoming hearings. On January 25 -- and then again on February 23 -- the House Mental Health and Addiction Committee will meet in tandem with the Senate Behavioral Mental Health Committee to address the subject. Both hearings will begin at 10 a.m. in the Bilandic Building in Chicago.

Representative LaPointe filed [HB 4475](#) which creates the Strengthening Mental Health and Substance Use Parity Act. Upon becoming law, it would require coverage for all out-of-network medically necessary mental health and substance use benefits and services (inpatient and outpatient) as if they were in-network for purposes of cost sharing for the insured.

Representative Syed filed [HB 4472](#) which creates the Health Care Availability and Access Board Act. By establishing a special board, protection from the high costs of prescription drugs would be extended to State residents, State and local governments, commercial health plans, health care providers, pharmacies licensed in the State, and other stakeholders within the healthcare system.

Senator Halpin filed [SB 2793](#) which amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of "employee" does not include a worker who is not provided with a regular work schedule by an employer and is directly contracted with the employer to work on an as-needed basis for the express purpose of covering the shifts of full-time employees who are taking leave for vacations, illness, or for any other unforeseen reason.

Senator Ventura filed [SB 2784](#) which creates the Cargo Transportation Fee Act. The fund will be used for road projects in areas with heightened levels of traffic because of transportation of tangible personal property in counties that contain (in whole or in part) an intermodal facility located on more than 3,500 acres. Illinois State Police will use 5% of the proceeds to enforce weight systems located within 20 miles of the intermodal facility.

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2024 Key Dates and Session Deadlines:

January 19: House and Senate LRB Request Deadline
January 19 - February 9: LRB Blackout Period – No Requests Will Be Accepted
February 9: Senate and House Bill Filing Deadline and LRB Amendment Requests Begin
February 21: Governor's Budget and State of the State Address
March 15: Senate Committee Deadline for Senate Bills
March 19: Primary Election
April 5: House Committee Deadline for House Bills
April 12: Senate Third Reading Deadline
April 19: House Third Reading Deadline
May 3: Committee Deadline for Bills in the Opposite Chamber
May 17: House and Senate Third Reading Deadline for Bills in the Opposite Chamber
May 24: Adjournment
May 25 – 31: Contingent Session Days



GOVERNOR'S HIGHLIGHTS:

Migrant Update: The Illinois Department of Human Services announced \$17 million in additional funding for municipalities outside of Chicago to support migrants being bussed to Illinois from Texas. The State is continuing to support the City of Chicago with direct funding as well as funding to support the overall asylum seeker response and is launching this latest round of funding to increase capacity outside of the City.

A partnership with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus distributed \$11 million. Funds must be used to welcome and support migrants and cannot be used to transport them elsewhere. Another \$4 million will help create 13 Illinois Welcoming Centers for management services for migrants seeking shelter, employment and other resources. Immigrant Family Resources Program providers will receive another \$2 million to help new arrivals with interpretation and translation services, information about public benefits, and advocacy.

The funds will come from the previously announced \$160 million in additional State investment to support the asylum seeker response.

Lead Service Line Replacement Grants Awarded: Some 92 community water supplies will be funded under the latest round of the Lead Service Line Inventory Grant Program of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The money – which ranges from \$20,000 - \$50,000 in grants to help create a complete lead service line inventory – is toward fulfillment of the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act (LSLRN Act). In all in 2023, funding has gone to 260 Illinois systems.

Outdoor Recreation Grants Awarded: Expanding access to outdoor recreation is the goal of nearly \$2.4 million in grants awarded to eight Illinois communities. The money, which originates with the National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund, is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and can provide up to 50% of a project's costs. When combined with local matching funds, the outdoor grants will support more than \$5.4 million in local park lands across Illinois.

Food Supply Chain Grants Available: About \$6.4 million will be dedicated to strengthening Illinois' food supply chain under a competitive grant program announced by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Done in cooperation with the US Department of Agriculture, the Resilient Food Systems infrastructure program will consider applications beginning January 22, 2024 from nonprofits, local government entities, universities, schools and hospitals. Deadline is March 15, 2024; apply at [Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program \(illinois.gov\)](https://illinois.gov/ResilientFoodSystems).

Wieland Invests in East Alton Facility: Wieland will be modernizing its East Alton facility to the tune of \$500 million, enabling the company to bolster production of critical copper and copper alloy components used in electric vehicles, EV charging infrastructure and renewable energy production. The investment will help retain 800 jobs across Illinois and represents a total incentive package from the State of about \$231 million (including REV and other incentives). Wieland's tax benefits through REV will total \$172 million over 30 years.

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A variety of other benefits comprise the rest of the incentive package, including capital funding for such East Alton infrastructure as the construction of a new electricity substation, flexible funds for workforce support, and additional tax incentives.

Sickle Cell Disease Grants Available: A total of \$750,000 in grants for sickle cell disease-related programs has been rolled out by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Up to eight organizations – with each one being awarded between \$30,000 and \$500,000 – will be funded under the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Sickle Cell Disease grants. Awardees will zero in on five goals: comprehensive sickle cell treatment, pain management therapies, infusion centers, mental health resources, and counseling opportunities for people with sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait.



Monies from the program can also support developing or enhancing current educational/outreach efforts. The overall mission is to give accurate and timely info to people with sickling disorder as well as their families and other concerned parties (such as clinical providers, health care professionals, local public health, service providers, educators and the community).

Early Childhood Update: Nearly 6,000 new preschool seats have been added by the Illinois State Board of Elections to “preschool deserts” – those portions of the state without sufficient publicly funded preschool seats to serve 80% of low-income 3- and 4-year-olds. The undertaking is part of the Governor’s Smart Start initiative. The goal had originally been to add 5,000 new seats; by introducing 5,886 seats, the ISBE exceeded that target by 18%. View the list of [Preschool for All grantees](#), [Preschool for All – Expansion grantees](#), and [Prevention Initiative grantees](#).

OTHER NEWS:

Assault Weapons Ban: By a vote of 6-5, the bipartisan Joint Committee on Administrative Rules objected Tuesday to the Illinois State Police rules to implement the Illinois assault weapons ban (also known as the Protect Illinois Communities Act). An Objection requires an agency response within 90 days and precludes the agency from adopting the rulemaking until JCAR has received the response. If the agency fails to respond within 90 days, the rulemaking dies and cannot be adopted. Notices of Objection are published in the Register.

Pretrial Release Appeals Task Force: The Illinois Supreme Court created the Pretrial Release Appeals Task Force to thoroughly review pretrial release appeals and their impact on caseloads in each of the five Appellate Court districts.

The Task Force will consult with any interested stakeholders, among them the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor, the Office of the State Appellate Defender, the offices of the five Appellate Court clerks; and the Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association. The Task Force will hold its first meeting within the next 14 days and will issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Supreme Court within the next 45 days.

Chairing the Task Force is Fourth District Appellate Justice Eugene Doherty. Other members are First District Appellate Justice David Ellis, Second District Appellate Justice Margaret Mullen, Third District Appellate Justice Lance Petersen, and Fifth District Appellate Justice Mark Boie.

Attorney General Urges Rescheduling of Cannabis: Attorney General Kwame Raoul, as part of a coalition of 12 state attorneys general, urged the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency to reschedule cannabis to Schedule III under the federal Controlled Substances Act in the interest of public health and safety.

In their [letter](#) to DEA Administrator Anne Milgram, the coalition of attorneys general explain that rescheduling cannabis from Schedule I to Schedule III will allow the state-regulated cannabis industry to continue to set the standard for legal products. These businesses would be able to take ordinary tax deductions to expand their investments and focus on public health and safety in collaboration with law enforcement efforts. Another consequence of the policy change: increased research on the physical and mental impacts of cannabis use, particularly among youth.

Joining Raoul in submitting the letter are the attorneys general from California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Oregon and Rhode Island.

Randy

Treasurer: Mark Del Monaco

January's Treasurer's report is all good news. December's finances are balanced with the bank statement, the final due diligence pass through the 990 Subordinate Statement has been made, the 990 tax form has been submitted to Paul Truax (our Abate-IL Treasurer), and a 2024 budget has been proposed. Next steps are to validate the budget with the Board and area leads and all agree on this budget as our 2024 launch point.



What I didn't get completed in 2023 is finding a new bank. The convenience of Old Second's many branches and that we can deposit cash easily (we often deposit cash), has an advantage over any on-line bank. I just didn't get to objectively evaluate bank options as I would like to – I guess that's one for the procrastination list.

My focus for 2024 is to document the Treasurer duties so I and anyone else who would like to pick up these responsibilities will be able to do it reliably, repeatably, and predictably without stress. I'd like to get the banking situation transitioned to a more workable online and physical branch operation. I'd like to fine tune the budgeting process so it's easy to make an informed decision when the question, "can we afford it?" is asked. I'm reluctant to put more items on the ToDo list because plenty come up throughout the year that need to be handled in a timely manner. I'll make these three my goals for 2024.

Have you made a plan for 2024? Not a resolution, but a goal or two? At minimum, call someone you haven't talked to in a long time. Visit someone who is less mobile than you. Say a prayer for someone who needs a blessing. Spread joy.

If you have questions, comments, or improvement recommendations, just e-mail me at DuKaneTreasure2014@gmail.com. I'll do my best to respond quickly and thoughtfully.

Mark Del Monaco

Secretary: Amy Nelson



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

Membership Meeting Date: 1/16/2024



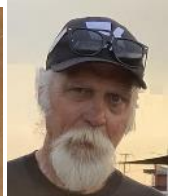
Due to hazardous weather conditions it was decided the January 2024 Board and general Meetings should be cancelled. Due to this there are no minutes.

Horsepower's Rummage Sale:



Hey there DuKane!!

Come see me at the next meeting for special deals on ABATE swag. These are over runs on Toy Run shirts and goodies from our products inventory. I will have items at the meeting, no shipping available, you must attend to get these deals. Closeout prices on lots of cool stuff. Yes, we have a limited supply of antenna flags for you bagger riders. Sorry, Christmas tree suits all sold out.

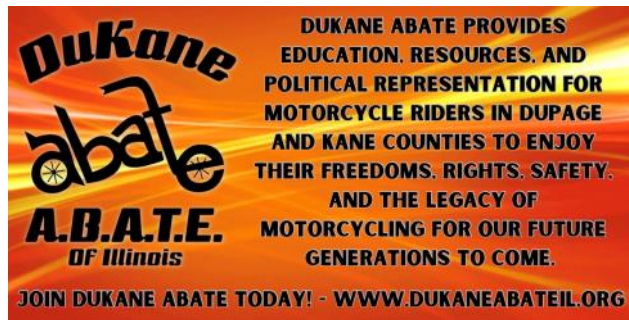


See you there!

Education and Safety; Steve Waltz

Happy Winter as I write this, we have 56 days until Spring, hang in there. I realize that many of you keep going out to your garage and looking at your bikes thinking you cannot wait to get on the road. Now is a great time to think about and plan those trips for 2024.

We are back in the high schools again this month after the holiday break and looking forward to speaking with first time drivers about motorcycles and motorcycle safety. Again, if anyone has a child, grandchild, relative or neighbor of high school age who is taking drivers education let me know if they are in a school that does not address motorcycle safety. I am more than willing to contact that school to work at including motorcycles as part of their driver training.



Stay safe and if you ride year-round be careful and watch for the other guy because they sure don't watch for you.

Steve Waltz
Safety and Education

Webmaster/Public Relations: Nathan Klapatch

I just got back from another ABATE Seminar, and as usual, I got to meet up with friends around the state and make a few new ones. And while I was there, I got some info about our upcoming elections. As I've heard, my State Representative is going to have a tough race. So naturally, I'm going to be helping her out to make sure she gets good publicity and election results. We should be doing the same with other candidates in the area that would support us and serve as good candidates.



Speaking of which, now is a good time to start looking at the candidates and seeing which ones are the best. If we want have the opportunity to choose good candidates in the general election, we need to nominate those good candidates in the primary election. I would encourage you to try to look for a candidate that has an effective balance of these characteristics:

- Likely to win the primary.
- Likely to win the general election
- Likely to govern (relatively) well

Unfortunately, there won't always be a candidate that meets all 3 criteria, but even using one or two of these criteria should help you narrow your list candidates down to the ones you should actively consider. It will probably also help to meet these people personally, which you may get the chance to do at our meetings or at political events.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go practice what I preach. Choose wisely, everyone.

Nathan Klapatch



Membership: Mark Garrison

Welcome new members:

Brian Shadiow and returning ex-member Nick Telitz

Members up for renewal in January and February:

Chris Hansen, Dennis Lexa, Melissa Shaughnessy, Tom Scott, Tim Kearney, Natalie Wodynski, Jason Wilson, Gomer Johansson, John Mihelich, Ray Heck, Brian Gardner, Don Peterson, David and Ina Gursky, Todd Ward, Jim Packard, Dennis Giba, Steve Waltz, James Sullivan, David Morton, Sue Kalfus, and Butch Hendricks

Thank you for renewing:

Jenny Halsey, Paul Sabourin, Stephanie Baker, John Griffith, Michael and Lucia Tillman, Stephen Hunt, George and Michelle Overdorff, Nathan Klapatch

I'm searching for the following MIA members:

Michael Simko, James King, and Bill Klaske

Did you know, as a member you can check the status of your membership at abate-il.org. Click the Log in at the top right corner of the page, enter your user name and password or create a profile.

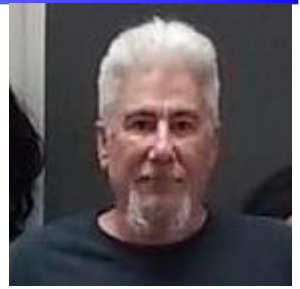
Did you also know, you can renew your membership online by going to dukaneabateil.org/membership by clicking the type of renewal you'd like. You will be redirected to the chapter's Square account for payment. There is a \$2 convenience fee. This is the preferred method if you can't get to the meeting. Renewals through the State can take up to 2 months to get back to the chapter

Or if you prefer, send in your renewal to DuKane ABATE P.O. Box 188
West Chicago, IL 60186

Or better yet, come to a meeting to renew. 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, West Chicago American Legion, 123 Main St, West Chicago, IL

Freedom is never Free

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Newsletter: Mike Nicholson

Hi DuKane,

This is going to be short and to the point. You have heard all the great things we have due to self driving vehicles. You have heard how there will be even more wonderful things to come from these vehicles in the future. Here is a link to a news story explaining one of those fantastic benefits that is already being enjoyed in California.

[California Insurance Problem with Self Driving Vehicles](#)

I know you get that every thing so far is dripping sarcasm, I'm just mentioning it in case you show this to a Cook County politician. If a driverless car goes the wrong way no ticket is issued because there is no driver to assign it to. Now what if that wrong way car is on I-80 and hits a tourist bus? Thankfully there are no serious injuries but 40 people have hospital bills, the bus company has no bus and so on. Who gets the ticket? Nobody, no driver, no ticket.

If the risks to your body and property with the associated inconvenience was not enough you will not only be paying out of your pocket if you are involved but everyone else in a similar situation in YOUR insurance bills. So

I'll see you along the road.

Mike Nicholson Editor



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! :



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TO OUR JANUARY
BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

Daniel Marron
Roger DeAnda
Dan Hoekstra
John Bloch
Jenice Marsolais
Jim Marsolais
Jeff West
Kley Abel

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Events: Chris Newman

2024 Abate Of Illinois State Seminar

So here we are, in the midst of the long, grey, vile chill of winter, and your DuKane ABATE Board of Directors are working hard to insure that everyone's rights as a motorcyclist are being fought for. We attended the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar last weekend, huddled inside whilst it was friggin cold outside, and made our battle plans for the upcoming year(s). Back to basics was the general theme, and it was a good one.



One takeaway is our need to get out and support the other ABATE Chapters in our local region more often. I always have their activities listed in the newsletter, as well as event fliers at all of our meetings. These are good folks to know and hang out with. Find and follow them on Facebook and such to help keep up with the activities. It's not far, put these happenings from the other local ABATE Chapters into your calendar, get out and have some fun!

2024 ABC Abate Bowling Classic

Our first DuKane ABATE event of 2024 shall be the 7th Annual ABATE Bowling Classic! Sunday March 17th at Bowlero on RT64 in Glendale Heights. You may register at 1:00; the games begin at 2:00PM sharp. For only \$20 you get two games, shoes, and an awesome time. Think you have what it takes? For only \$10 more and you can compete amongst the best bowlers ABATE has to offer in the 9 Pin No Tap Tournament. Compete to win the grand prize of \$100. Trophies, fun, fellowship, and all for a great cause, the DuKane ABATE downed rider fund. The DuKane ABATE Santa Girls 50/50 raffle will going on as well. Bring your friends, family, neighbors, and remote acquaintances to share this afternoon to remember together. See you there. Register online today!

<https://dukaneabateil.org/events/abc/>



2024 Sycamore Speedway Flat Track Motorcycle Races

Did ya hear the news? It's all over town! FLAT TRACK MOTORCYCLE RACING IS COMING BACK TO SYCAMORE SPEEDWAY! Last year's event was so huge and successful, the fine folks at Sycamore Speedway decided to bring it back not once, but twice this season!

The spring show will be Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th, then in the fall on Friday and Saturday, September 6th and 7th. DuKane ABATE will be out in full force supporting these races.

Please, we need your help in several areas. Positions we need to fill are for on track safety flag men and staffing the ABATE Booth, talking to people about ABATE and selling ABATE of Illinois raffle motorcycle tickets. Will we have the State raffle motorcycles at Sycamore Speedway you ask? Yes we will!



See all of you at the next DuKane ABATE Chapter monthly meeting, February 20th, 7:30 sharp, at the West Chicago American Legion!

Events: Chris Newman

Do not miss these great events coming soon near you!

ABATE Of Illinois Northwest Region Chili Shootout	Saturday Feb 3 rd 3:00PM VFW Post 540, Dixon, IL
Will County ABATE Cabin Fever Party	Saturday Feb. 10 th 6:00PM Stone City VFW Post 2199, Joliet, IL
Chicago ABATE Chili Cookoff	Saturday Feb. 10 th 12:00 to 6:00PM River Park Moose, River Grove, IL
Northern Illinois ABATE Chili Cook-off	Saturday February 24 th 6:00PM Wauconda American Legion Post 911, Wauconda, IL
DuKane ABATE Bowling Classic (ABC)	Sunday March 17 th 2:00PM Bowlero, Glendale Heights, IL
Flat Out Friday	Friday February 23 rd Fireserv Forum, Milwaukee, WI
Mama Tried	Saturday February 24 th Eagles Ballroom, Milwaukee, WI
Will County ABATE Triathlon	Sunday March 10 th Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon, Joliet, IL
34 th Annual Heartland STEAM	April 12 th – 13 th Ramkota Exhibit Hall, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day	Wednesday April 17 th 8:00AM Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Springfield, IL
Biker Sunday	Sunday May 5 th Warehouse Church, Aurora, IL
Motorcycle Awareness Day	Saturday May 11, 11:00AM BP Gas Station Rt38 and RT 47, Elburn IL AND DuPage Honda, West Chicago, IL
Xtreem Flattrack Amature Motorcycle Races	Friday May 17 th
Xtreem Flattrack Pro Motorcycle Races	Saturday May 18 th Sycamore Speedway, Maple Park, IL
Distinguished Gentleman's Ride	Sunday, May 19 th 2024 Woodstock, IL
DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash	Saturday July 11 th , 11:00AM Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL
8 th Annual Ride For John	Saturday July 20 th
SETHtastic Motorcycle Run	Saturday July 27 th , 9:00AM
Elburn Days Parade	Friday August 16 th 5:00PM Elburn Community Center, Elburn, IL
Xtreem Flattrack Amature Motorcycle Races	Friday September 6 th
Xtreem Flattrack Pro Motorcycle Races	Saturday September 7 th Sycamore Speedway, Maple Park, IL
38 th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run	Sunday October 13 th 9:30 AM Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL AND Sycamore Speedway, Maple Park, IL

Events: Chris Newman

Motorcycle Swap Meet Stuff

Stay tuned, buy parts, build motorcycles, ride motorcycles

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet

Sunday Feb 11th 8:00 AM
Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL

Twin Rivers ABATE Swap Meet

Sunday February 25th, 9:00AM
Dixon Elks Lodge, Dixon, IL

Chicago World Of Wheels Cyclorama

March 8th – 10th
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet

Sunday April 21st 8:00AM
McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL

ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet

Sunday April 28th 8:00AM
Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet

Sunday June 9th, 8:00AM
Grundy County Speedway, Morris, IL

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet Woodstock, IL

Sunday June 23rd, 8:00AM
McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL

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DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting
2/20/24 - 7:30pm

West Chicago American Legion Post #300
123 Main Street
West Chicago, IL 60185

The American Legion kitchen will be open!



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**ABATE OF ILLINOIS, INC.
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17th ANNUAL CHILI
SHOOTOUT!!**

SATURDAY, February 3, 2024

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM with

LAST CHILI IN AT 4:00 PM

Judging will start at 4:15 – 4:30 PM

**People's Choice Judging starting at
5:30 PM get a ticket with paid entry.**

VFW Post 540

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Class: Hot class, Mild class, & People Choice. 7 Trophies in all.



2024 Will County
Chapter A.B.A.T.E.
CABIN FEVER
party



FEBRUARY 10th | 6pm

STONE CITY VFW POST 2199

124 STONE CITY DR, JOLIET



pot luck dinner | band

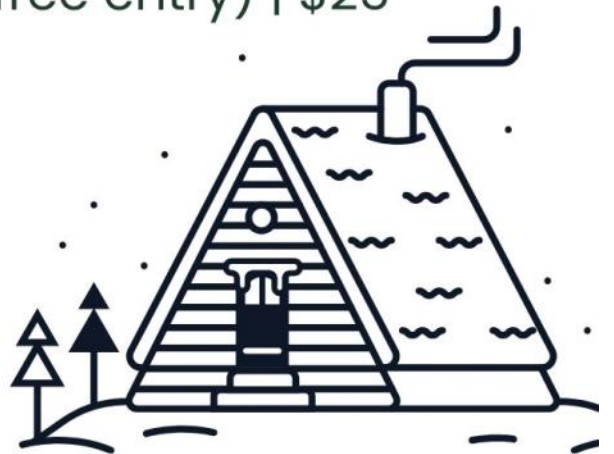
-**free** entry for will county chapter members-

other chapter members | \$5

non-members | \$15

annual membership fee (+free entry) | \$25

SPECIAL GUEST:



CHICAGO A.B.A.T.E 36TH ANNUAL

Chili Cook-off & Jalapeno Pepper Eating Contest

ADVANCED TICKETS

\$20



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10th

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Door
Price

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2024 Feb. 11

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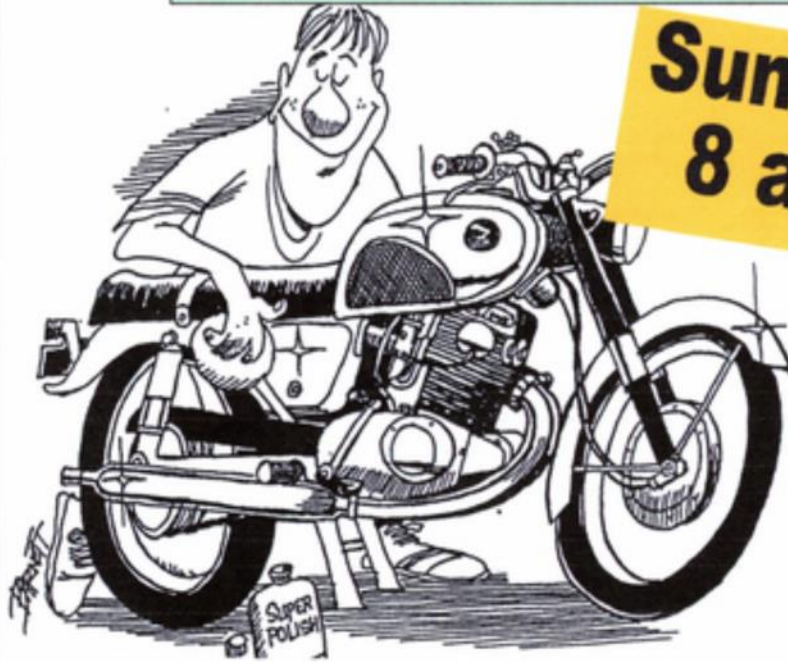
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February 17, 2024



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BOD - 1:00pm



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6-10 PM

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FREE - JOIN/RENEW ABATE



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2024 WINTER TRIATHLON

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Sunday, March 10th

REGISTRATION: 11am

GAMES BEGIN: 12pm

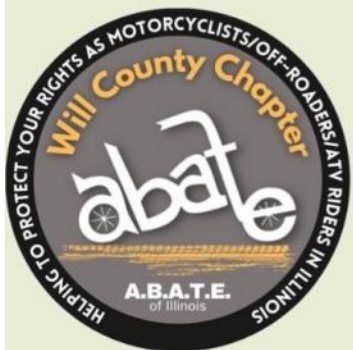
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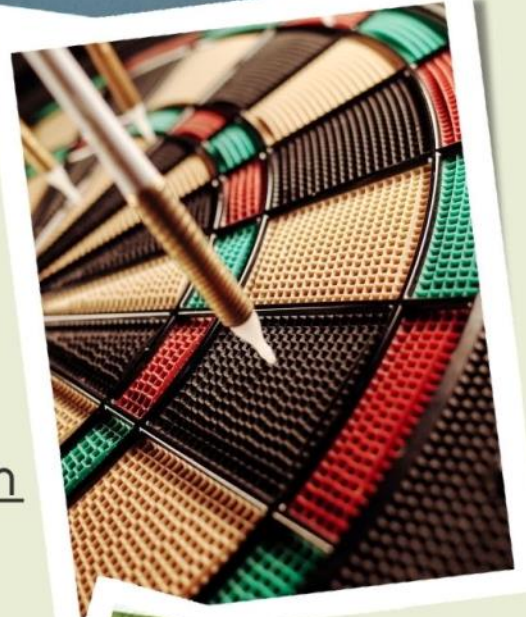
\$20 entry fee per participant

Includes: pool, darts, bags,
and pizza

\$10 for pizza only



*prizes awarded
based on the
number of
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7TH ANNUAL ABC



ABATE BOWLING CLASSIC

MARCH 17, 2024

EVENT STARTS AT 2:00

REGISTRATION OPENS 1:00



The Toy Shop

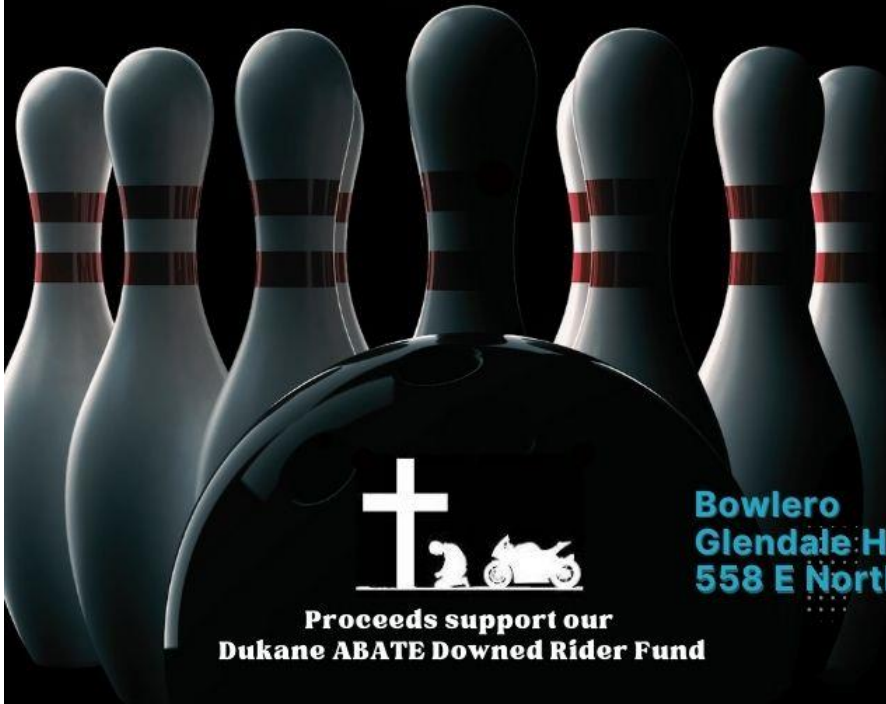
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**ENTER THE STATE
CAPITOL AT 10:00AM
TO SPEAK WITH
LEGISLATORS**

**LEGISLATIVE
RECEPTION AT
FLOYD'S AT 5:30PM**



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A.B.A.T.E.



Illinois State Fairgrounds,
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Date & Time :
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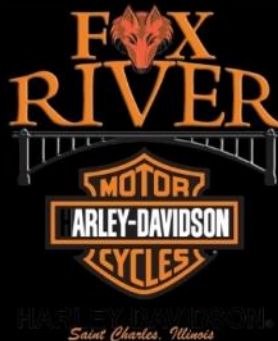
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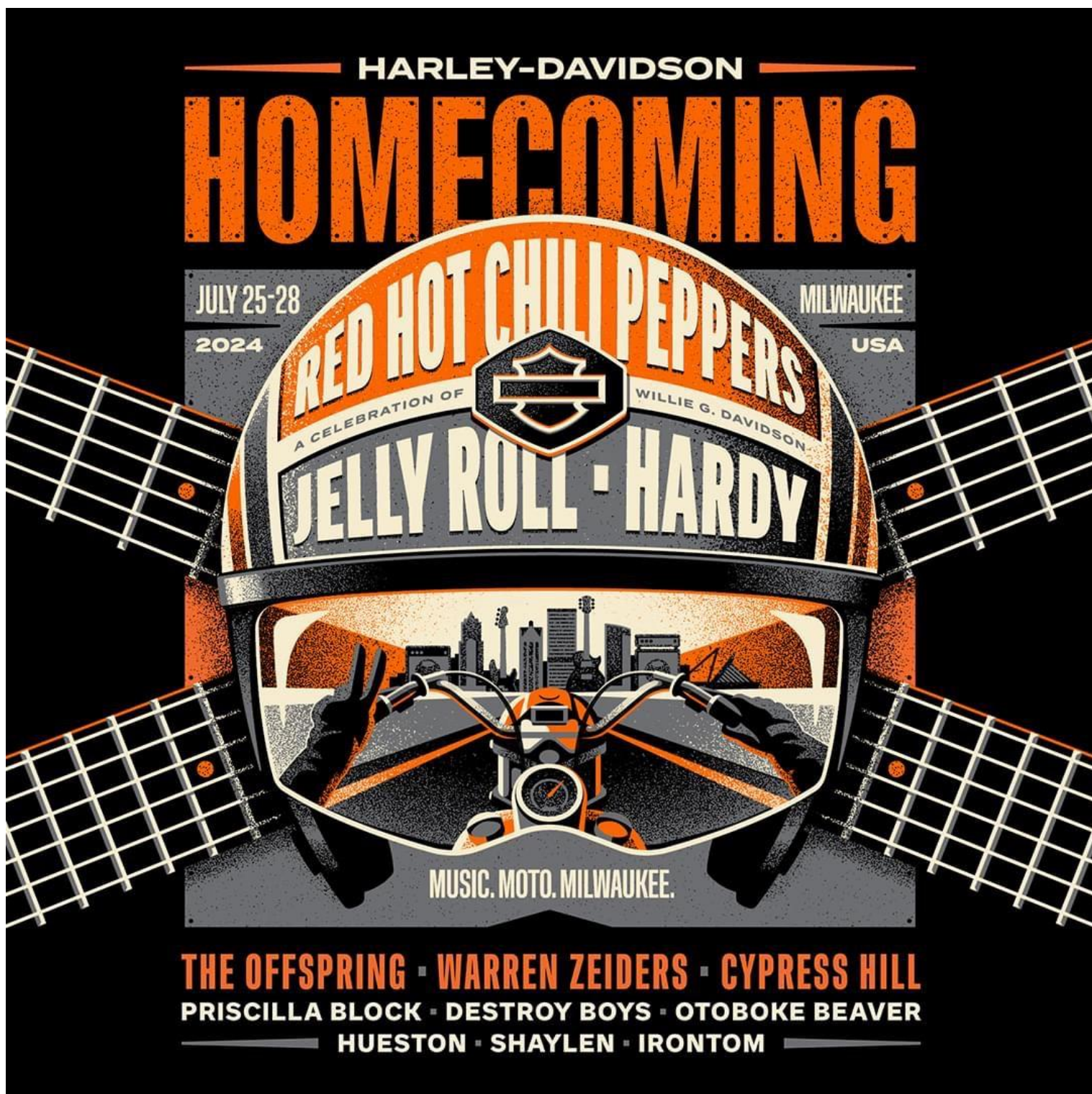
July 27, 2024

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SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024
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Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.



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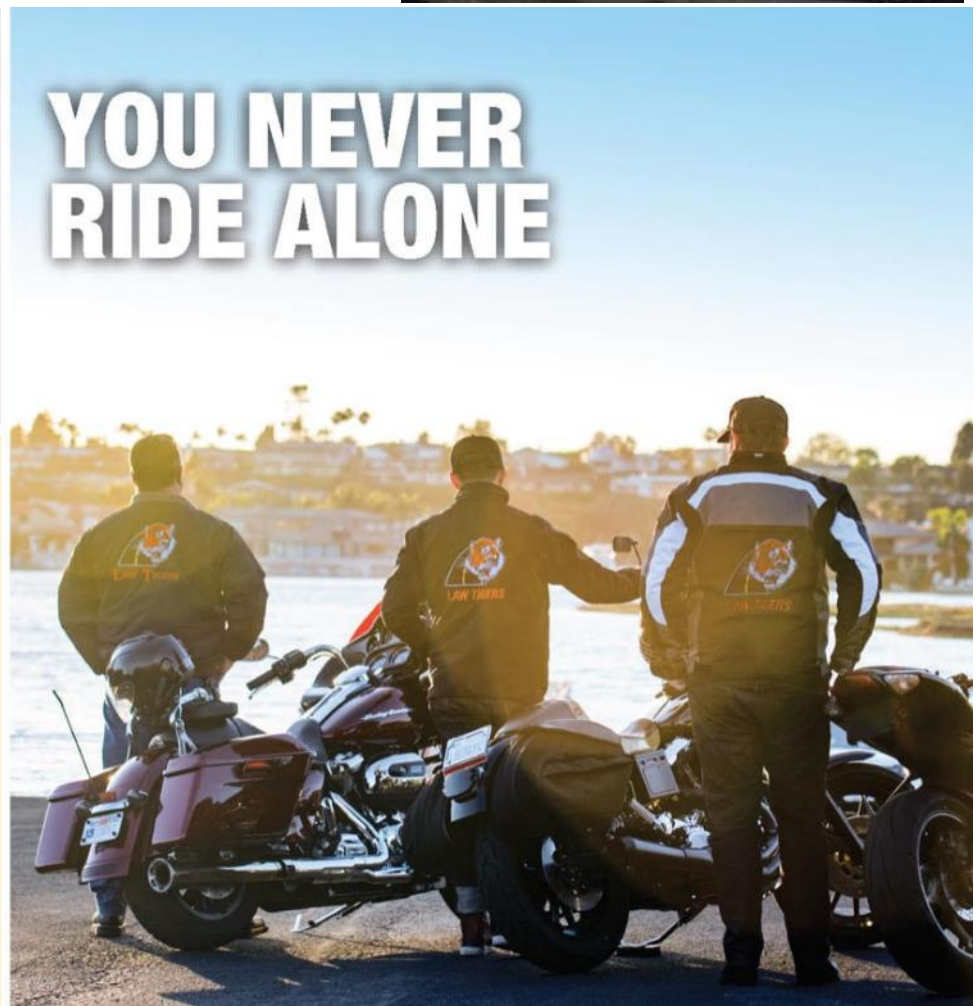
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