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Hello DuKane ABATE!

Well, what can we say about February other than what incredibly remarkable weather came with it for riding our motorcycles. It was absolutely beautiful all month, so I hope that you got plenty of wind miles in.



But it's time to get to work. Our rights are under attack in Illinois. State Representative Daniel Didech has filed HB5620 which would make helmets mandatory in Illinois for riders and passengers, regardless of age. Also, State Representative Edgar Gonzalez Jr. filed HB1634, with State Representative Janet Yang Rohr and State Representative Bob Morgan as co-sponsors, which would enact the California Emissions Code in Illinois. That would make it almost impossible to work on your motorcycle and would ban the sale of combustion engines as of 2035. Moreover, Drag Specialties has new rules about buying performance parts. If you want them, be ready to give up your ID and registration and agree that your information can be given to any Government Agency that deals with emissions. DuKane ABATE works for motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties to preserve your rights to choose what protective gear you do or don't wear, your right to choose what type of motorcycle you ride (not force electric on you), and your right to choose what type of modifications you make to your motorcycle. This is work that we take very seriously, so when you're talking to other riders, be sure to let them know what's going on and that they should join DuKane ABATE. The more motorcyclists that we have working to preserve our rights and freedoms, the more we accomplish. After having a conversation with ABATE of Illinois Legislative Coordinator Ski, it appears that the California Emissions Code Bill, HB1634, is dead. It's something we'll keep our eyes on, but rest assured that someone else will file this bill again and we need to be ready to react.



I just want to give an update to Ordinance 2023-40 that the Village of Elburn, IL passed on November 20, 2023. This was the ordinance that enforced stricter fines for texting and driving by making a first offense a \$250 fine, a second offense a \$500 fine, and a third + offense a \$750 fine. The Kane County Circuit Clerk informed the Elburn Village Board that they could not pass that ordinance because of the Illinois Vehicle Code blocking that ability saying that you can't make fines higher than the state "maximum". The maximum fine from the state for a first offense is \$75 which doesn't scare motorists and doesn't make it worthwhile for Police Departments to enforce. So, unfortunately Illinois strikes again in showing that they don't care about the problem that is texting and driving in Illinois. The Ordinance had to be repealed.

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# President: Chris Hansen

I want to give another shoutout to Safety & Education Officer Steve Waltz and Membership Officer Mark Garrison. They are already in schools talking to more students about motorcycle safety and awareness. They spoke to over 5,300 students in 2023 which was almost 3,500 more than the next highest chapter. These 2 set the bar for what the Safety & Education Platform of our chapters should be, and I thank them for it!

I look forward to seeing you all at the DuKane ABATE ABC – ABATE Bowling Classic on March 17<sup>th</sup>. I will be coming back from Detroit, MI to attend this event, and hope to see you all as well. It's at Bowlero in Glendale Heights and begins at 2:00pm. If you'd like to attend, the Northeast Region Meeting will be taking place at noon prior to the event at the same location. It will be a great opportunity to hear what the other chapters in our region are doing and involved in. Thank you to Law Tigers, the Sycamore Speedway, and The Toy Shop & Motolounge for sponsoring this event. See Events Officer Chris Newman's article for more information.

March 19, 2024 is Primary Election Day in Illinois. Whether you plan on voting early or on the day of, please have plans to get out and vote. We talked at the last Monthly Membership Meeting about the consequences of who you vote for. Take the time to research where candidates stand on issues. Learn where they stand on motorcyclists' rights and any others that are important to you, like gun legislation. Make an educated decision and vote. The key here is GET OUT AND VOTE. Don't blow it off and complain later. Voting is a right afforded to us as Americans and it's one I hope you intend to get out and use. If you head to [www.abate-il.org/Vote-Guide](http://www.abate-il.org/Vote-Guide), you can find the ABATE of Illinois Voters Guide. This guide shows you grades and endorsements of candidates based solely off motorcyclist positions, and nothing else. State Representative Jennifer Sanalitra, State Representative Amy Grant, State Representative Dan Ugaste, State Representative Martin McLaughlin, and former State Representative Dennis Reboletti are just some of the Elected Officials who need our votes. Let's get them all back in the State House and let them get to work for motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties.



I'd also want to wish my good friend Rocky from Motor Cycle Center well on his very deserved retirement

Make sure to join us on March 19<sup>th</sup> for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. These meetings are incredibly important to attend as you will hear reports from all DuKane BOD Officers, and you will keep up to date on what is happening with motorcyclists' rights in DuPage and Kane Counties in 2024 as we work to preserve the legacy of motorcycling through resources, education, and political representation! Also, make sure you also have October 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar as it's the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run! Join us in

giving back to our communities in DuPage and Kane Counties by collecting toys and food for children in need! Remember, it's all about the kids!

Until next month,  
Ride Safe – Ride Free

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Hello All,

**Primary Election Day is March 19th!**

**President, Congress, State Senate, State Representative, County wide offices, Judges, County Board and Forest Preserve (DuPage) with some ballot questions are there to be voted on. You can vote by mail, vote early and vote on election day. Elections have consequences so there is no excuse not to vote!**



## GOVERNOR'S HIGHLIGHTS:

A joint session of the Illinois General Assembly convened on Wednesday to hear Governor Pritzker's sixth Budget and State of the State address. Woven into the speech were highlights of his administration to date, including nine credit upgrades, a \$2 billion investment in the Rainy-Day Fund, and the elimination of the bill backlog. The chief executive cautioned that his FY25 budget proposal "makes some hard choices," and that the fiscal situation would be "tight" compared to the past few cycles. But he also urged lawmakers: "[do] not let the doom grifters steal your optimism about what's ahead for Illinois. Our future is bright, and opportunity lies ahead."

**Proposed FY25 Budget:** Overall, Pritzker laid out a spending plan that is a 2% increase over FY24 estimated spending. Specifically, he envisions FY25 expenditures of \$123.2 billion All Funds, including \$52.695 billion in General Funds. This is a \$752 million bump over the current budget.

His budget is predicated on \$52.993 billion in general revenue. This assumes a 1.5% increase (or \$777 million) over FY24 levels. Driving that expectation in part is evidence that a 3% hike (or \$1.399 billion) is in the offing from the several sources including the Big Three sources of revenue (personal income taxes, corporate income taxes, and sales taxes). But a "muting factor" is in play too as some one-time transfers seen in FY24 are not apt to occur in FY25.

In November, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget projected an \$891 million deficit for the upcoming fiscal year. The Governor "erased" that deficit in his proposed budget by building new revenue into the base budget. At least part of the Governor's revenue assumption is legislation-dependent -- more than \$1 billion in additional revenue is contingent on statutory changes requiring the approval of the General Assembly. Pritzker is calling for alterations in allocating/distributing of various taxes, expected to net \$1.073 billion. Note that once \$22 million in "tax relief" is allocated, that figure comes in at \$910 million net.

State income tax rates go untouched under Pritzker's FY25 budget plan. But changes are in store for sports wagering, corporate, and other taxes to underwrite the spending plan that is set to begin July 1.

FY25's single most significant source of new funding -- projected to yield an additional \$526 million -- is expected to come from *a continuation on the limit on the Corporate Net Operating Loss Deduction*. The budget plan calls for increasing the cap to \$500,000 and extending the limit through tax year 2027.

A *cap* of \$1,000/month would be imposed *on the Sales Tax Retailers Discount* which is projected to yield an additional \$101 million to GRF. The *tax on sports wagering licenses* would double from 15% to 35% to provide an additional \$200 million. Under the proposal, 15% of the tax would continue to be transferred into the Capital Projects Fund (to help pay debt service) while the other 20% would be destined for the General Revenue Fund. The final new revenue stream would involve *setting the standard deduction at \$2,550* for tax year 2024, plus adjusting for cost-of-living for future tax years which would add another \$93 million.

Governor Pritzker is also proposing to shift GRF burdens for Mass Transit onto the Road Fund. Projected result which would allow an additional \$175 million in the General Revenue Fund.



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For tax year 2025, the Governor is calling for the first \$10,000 in liability to be exempt from the Franchise Tax. The administration anticipates this will cost the state \$10 million. Taxpayers with children under the age of 3 would qualify for a refundable child tax credit (equal to 20% of a taxpayer's state earned income tax credit) as laid out by Pritzker in his budget address. The measure would cost the state \$12 million. The Governor also proposes permanently eliminating the state's one percent grocery tax.



**FY 24 Supplemental:** In total, \$1.183 billion is being requested to address FY24 supplemental spending for several agencies including \$430 million for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, \$347 million for the Department of Human Services, and \$350 million for DCEO to support “big projects”.

**Budget Stabilization Fund:** The Governor directs in his proposal that surpluses from FY 24 and FY25 be allocated to the Budget Stabilization Fund. Fiscal Year 24 is expected to end with a \$273 million budgetary surplus – of which \$205 million would go into the Budget Stabilization Fund. For FY25, a budgetary surplus of around \$298 million is anticipated, with \$170 million of that destined for the Budget Stabilization Fund.

**Healthcare and Family Services:** FY25 Medicaid liability is projected to total \$26.8 billion all funds (0.1% increase) with total enrollment projected at 3.6 million. The proposed budget includes a \$497.9 million increase to annualize Medicaid program rate increases and changes effective mid-FY 24. A new Medicaid tiered safety net hospital add-on is set to receive \$50 million. DHFS is also allocated \$629 million for the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults and Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors program (\$440 million GRF).

**Human Services:** The FY25 proposed budget includes \$2.4 billion for services for people with developmental disabilities in support of the *Ligas* consent decree. An extra \$116 million is allocated to support expected caseload growth and liability increases. Also included is \$182 million for forensic inpatient and outpatient services, 9-8-8 hotline, and support of the *Williams* and *Colber* consent decrees.

Home Illinois is a program housed in DHS that targets the prevention of homelessness, provides crisis response, expands housing support and increases job opportunities for the homeless. The proposed FY 25 budget request increases the program by \$50 million allocated as follows: \$35 million to maintain court-based rental assistance; \$181 million to support unhoused populations seeking shelter and services; \$25 million in Rapid ReHousing services; \$42 million to maintain funding for current support housing; \$33 million to provide street outreach, medical respite, re-entry services, access to counsel, and other shelter diversion; and an additional \$5 million to convert temporary shelters to sustainable community assets.

With regard to migrant funding, the proposed FY25 budget allocates \$182 million to DHS to support the joint response of the State of Illinois, City of Chicago and Cook County to fund welcoming centers (\$115 million) and Home Illinois (\$67 million).

DHS is allocated an additional \$5 million to expand the Home Visiting Program and \$1 million for a low-income diaper program.

**Public Health:** The FY 25 budget proposes \$6 million to hire 100 additional staff in the Office of Health Care Regulation; \$400,000 for a Homelessness Mortality and Morbidity Report to address health issues of the housing insecure; \$45 million to support IT replacement for Illinois' National Electronic Disease Surveillance System and Long-Term Care systems; and provides capital funding to adopt plans for a Chicago-area public health lab and to rebuild the Carbondale public health lab.

Insofar as reproductive health is concerned, the proposed budget includes \$2 million in grants for freestanding reproductive health care clinics and \$18 million to support existing reproductive health initiatives, including the navigation hotline and the learning/training collaborative for providers.

Too, the FY 25 proposed budget includes \$4.4 million for the Department of Public Health to assess the state's maternal mortality rate and to create an action plan that centers on reproductive care through community-based providers, support community-based, full spectrum care birth centers and a state action plan that centers on community-based reproductive healthcare providers that are in and of the communities they serve.

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**Children and Family Services:** The proposed budget for DCFS includes funding to hire an additional 392 positions to support DCFS caseloads and to continue rate reform for private sector providers. Also included is a \$38.9 million increase to continue the rollout of the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System and an additional \$10 million for worker and private sector partner security investments. Also included in the proposed spending plan is a \$100 million one-time investment for capital grants to providers to help increase capacity for youth placement in the most clinically appropriate setting.



**Aging:** The FY 25 proposed budget includes a \$104.4 million increase for the Community Care Program; a \$3 million increase for the Home-Delivered Meals Program and maintains funding to support services in rural areas and increased minority outreach.

**K – 12 Education Funding:** The Illinois State Board of Education will receive a \$449 million increase in GRF. The Evidence Based Funding Formula will receive an additional \$350 million. The Governor’s proposed budget includes \$30.7 million to fully fund special education and increase funding for transportation. Career and technical education programs are allocated an additional \$10.2 million.

**Higher Education:** The Governor’s proposed FY 25 budget includes a \$10 million increase in MAP funding; a \$30.6 million increase for public universities and community colleges; and \$450,000 to extend the Common Application simplified admissions process to transfer students from community colleges.

**Capital Budget:** The proposed FY 25 budget includes \$51.0 billion in total capital appropriations. The proposed capital budget includes new capital appropriations of \$3 billion in new bond fund appropriations including: \$500 million for new quantum-related investments; \$139 million to DECO for economic improvement programs; \$900 million for maintenance and modernization of DOC facilities; \$575 million for deferred maintenance and construction at higher education facilities; \$157 million for additional funding to support construction of the new DPH lab in Chicago and Carbondale; \$513 million for deferred maintenance and construction at state facilities; \$100 million to DCFS for a multi-year capital grant program to improve capacity for youth placement; \$65 million for CDB to complete a new DoIT central computing facility; \$60 million to DoIT to complete various tech projects; and \$20 million for a new Department of Military Affairs Illinois National Guard readiness center in Peoria.

**Pensions:** The proposed budget reflects full payment of the required \$10.1 billion pension payment. Pritzker is also proposing to change the state’s “pension ramp” by increasing the target funding percentage for pensions funds from 90 to 100 percent and adding another three years for the ramp to reach full funding – from FY45 to FY48. The Governor also proposes addressing the challenge of a shortening “runway” through fixed length amortization strips beginning in 2035 which is projected to soften the potential “shock” to the state budget from short-term negative returns.

Finally, the Governor suggests a review and, if necessary, adjustment to the Tier 2 pensionable earning cap to the Social Security Wage Base for employees not coordinated with Social Security. This will impact mostly TRS and SURS members as well as a limited number of SERS members.

**Erasing Medical Debt:** The FY25 budget invests \$10 million in federal funds to erase medical debt for an estimated 364,000 Illinois residents. The initial investment is part of a multi-year plan to erase more than \$1 billion in medical debt. A similar program is in place in Cook County.

**Children’s Behavioral Health Transformation:** The proposed FY25 budget includes almost \$35 million to continue funding and implementing the Children’s Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative. The Governor is proposing \$31.3 million for Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services expansion; \$2 million for pediatric mental health training and \$1.5 million for BEACON - an online portal for families to access behavioral and mental health resources.

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Planned Parenthood Illinois Action “urges the governor and state legislature to expand funding for family planning resources and address inequities in sexual reproductive education.”

While the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association applauds the Governor’s insurance proposals, they said, “Nevertheless, the governor’s FY2025 budget makes no new investments that the state needs to continue to boost funding to strengthen the behavioral healthcare workforce and create more access to care. Thus, the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association will vigorously advocate with lawmakers for increased investment in care and the workforce in next year’s budget.”



In response to the elimination of the grocery tax, the Illinois Municipal League said the proposal is “an insult to every local government that is providing important services to residents.”

The Illinois Hospital and Health Association praised Pritzker’s insurance reforms saying “IHA strongly supports the Administration’s proposal to hold payers accountable for their conflicting, confusing and unnecessarily burdensome prior authorization practices”.

Senate President Don Harmon said Pritzker's proposal was "a good start" for negotiations to begin. “Senate Democrats look forward to the discussion of how to balance our serious needs with fiscal realities in the weeks and months ahead. My goal is to cross the finish line with a bipartisan, balanced budget that reflects our shared goals of responsibility and security and invests in key priorities for the state of Illinois,” Harmon said.

“Like every year, we have pressure points, but we will continue making fiscally responsible decisions that put our state on a path of progress,” Speaker Welch said. “I am confident Chief Budgeteer Jehan Gordon-Booth, our budget negotiation team, and our appropriations chairs will put in the necessary work to craft a final budget that is reflective of our values as Illinoisans.”

House Republican Leader Tony McCombie said the two important things for House Republicans were funding for education and having the pension bill paid off this year. “That was in, so that’s the good part,” McCombie said. “The bad part is that we’re going to have \$910 million in tax increases. Over ... 2024 and 2025, we’re going to be spending \$2.8 billion on the undocumented and migrant folks that are coming to Illinois.”

Senate Republican Leader John Curran said, “The Governor just proposed raising taxes on every Illinois family struggling to make ends meet to fund the non-citizen welfare state he created. We have made it clear that the citizens of this state are our priority, while today, the Governor made it clear they’re his piggy bank. Our focus will remain on providing meaningful financial relief to the people of Illinois.”

Appropriations committees in both chambers will now begin the process of reviewing agency budget requests. The new Fiscal Year begins July 1.

## 103rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly is adjourned and both chambers have this week off and will return to session on Tuesday, March 5. The Senate is scheduled to be in session for four days while the House is scheduled to be in session for three days.

When legislators return, they will focus on considering legislation at the committee level. The Senate will only have two session weeks prior to the deadline to pass substantive Senate Bills out of a Senate Committee – the deadline is Friday, March 15. The House has four weeks of committee action prior to the House Bill Committee deadline of April 5.

Representative Cyril Nicols is withdrawing from the March primary ballot. Nichols, who was in a hotly contested race, was facing well-funded primary opponent Lisa Davis.



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The House Public Utilities Committee heard subject matter testimony Tuesday on a measure to grant a permanent right of first refusal to all existing electric utilities in the state. Representatives of the energy sector and consumer advocates testified on the issue; no vote was taken.



## 2024 Key Dates and Session Deadlines:

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

## OTHER NEWS:

Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf was in Springfield this week to meet with legislative leaders as he seeks \$1 billion in public funding for the new baseball stadium. Governor Pritzker has publicly stated his reluctance to a taxpayer funded stadium, he remains open to learning more about the proposal.

City of Chicago Sues Oil and Gas Companies for Climate Deception: On Tuesday, Mayor Brandon Johnson announced that the city of Chicago is suing six oil and gas corporations and their largest trade association for allegedly deceiving Chicago consumers about the climate dangers associated with the products. The suit was filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County and names BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Phillips 66, Shell and the American Petroleum Institute as Defendants.

**Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant:** Another \$2 million in grants will be available through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). The grant awards range from \$25,000 to \$150,000 and will assist eligible municipalities or counties in implementing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce total energy use, improve energy efficiency in the transportation sector, and build a clean and equitable energy economy prioritizing disadvantaged communities.

**Capital Development Board:** Governor Pritzker reappointed Eileen Rhodes to serve as a Member of the Capital Development Board.

Thank you,

Randy



# Secretary: Amy Nelson



DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois  
Membership Meeting Date: 1/16/2024

## AGENDA

Chris Hansen	X	Randy Ramey	X	Chris Newman	X
Viper		Mark Del Monaco	X	Steve Waltz	
Kley Abel	X	Mike Nicholson	X		
John Bloch		Nathan Klapatch	X		
Amy Nelson	X				

Call To Order\*\* Pledge of Allegiance \*\*

### New Members Welcome!

Names of New Members: Jeremy, John and Popeye Jack

### Officer Reports

*The officers of the board give their reports. These are not voted on or need to be accepted.*

NE Region Coordinator: Rich Gruner

### GUEST SPEAKERS (if any)

Heather Braun 25th District State Senator, Jerry Evans 11th District Congress, Dr. Kent Mercado for Congress 11th District and Rob and Kathy Zander who lost her son John to a fentanyl overdose spoke about the Ride for John on July 20, 2024 registration will begin at 9 with KSU at 11.

President – Chris Hansen

Chris reported Windy City Indian in Lake Villa has closed. Hb1624 Adopting California Emission Standards is now dead. HB5620 Requiring mandatory helmets in Illinois has been in committee for 3 weeks. Drag Specialties now has new guidelines on the sale of performance parts. You must now agree to use the parts for racing and not on a street. Primary Elections will be March 19th.

Vice President/Legislative – Randy Ramey

April 17th is Legislative Day..

Membership – Mark Garrison

New Members: 3      Total Members:236.



# Secretary: Amy Nelson

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The plaques from the Toy and Food Run are in and will be delivered.

Treasurer Mark Del Monaco

Working on changing Banks, possibly to Old Glory with Old Second for cash. 990 Forms came out perfect and have been submitted to the accountant. A budget item has been added for the Santa's Girls.



Events - Chris Newman

March 12th Bike Nights start at CycleGear in Bolingbrook.

March 17th will be the Annual Bowling Classic. Registration at 1, Bowling at 2.

May 17-18th Flat Tracking at Sycamore Speedway.

June 21-23 Motoblots are on Fulton. Volunteers are needed.

BOD State Representative: Kley Abel

STC - thank those that attended/helped at the state seminar, Theo Graf - asst. state leg. Coordinator.

Welcome new BoD Reps & eBoard coordinators

Treasurer - outstanding checks - please cash them ASAP

Legislative - Email communication and videos coming back

3/4 is the day CRT bids close

WIU submitted their bid for central region training

3/5 - pressure going on IDOT to get decision

Northern district has a bidder - can't disclose yet.

All sections should be up and running by June or July

4/17 Legislative Day - Time to Show Up!

4/5 is a sigh of relief if the helmet bill doesn't move

OTW, will be a long protracted fight... this guy is a dick when he gets pressure

Safety & Ed - see final 2023 numbers - seminar almost wiped out tchotchke's supply

Already had 3 fatalities for 2024

Posters coming

Product - thanks for all assistance @ seminar. Online store coming soon

Activities: 4/28 swap meet, 5/25 freedom ride

New Business: Sending Checks to the State - make out to ABATE of Illinois - put in the memo what it's for  
Check notes for attendance - verify the roll call on the minutes; sign back of card; sign in with

Pauli, Replacing Products Trailer - \$7000

Officers of the Corp. that have a criminal record - ie felonies, etc.

State working with George Tinkham to draft language for the bylaws pertaining to how we deal with these individuals.

As forward facing individuals of the org - this can complicate our public view

This will most likely become a bylaw

HD signing off on completion cards - looking for common ground and investigate in our best interest to find this common ground. They're willing to protect the funding for the private classes.

This will need to come with restrictions - Dealers have to be on board;

New PAC Trustee - SW region - Andy Toennies

PAC - Need SE region trustee - new logo approved

AMA - offroad - Carbondale park opening in 2024; DNR starved rock area - park now targeted for a solar farm

have been 3 fatalities in 2024 already.

PR/Webmaster - Nathan Klapatch

No report.

# Secretary: Amy Nelson

Safety & Education – Steve Waltz (Mark Garrison)

At the State Seminar the State was convinced to redo the key fobs to a motorcycle shape. We are expecting to reach 5000 students this year. We are in the process of bringing on another Instructor.

Newsletter – Mike Nicholson

The newsletter is going to be coming out shortly..



Road Captain: Viper

Not in attendance.

Independent Rep #1 – John Bloch

Not in attendance.

Independent Rep #2 – Horsepower

I went to the McHenry HOG meeting. They were told about proposed legislation.

Raffles

Who Won 50/50? Phil- Winning \$61 which he donated back to the Chapter

**Motion Made/Name of Person Making Motion:** Motion made by Phil to accept the December meeting notes

**Second Made by:** Mike.

Yes: Unanimous No:

Motion Carried?? Yes

**Motion Made/Name of Person Making Motion:** Motion to Adjourn made by Phil.

**Second Made by:** Kathy Crowell

**Motion Info:** Yes: Unanimous No:

Motion Carried?? Yes

Adjourn Meeting

TIME ADJOURNED? 8:56pm

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# Treasurer: Mark Del Monaco

January's finances are balanced with the bank statement. The 990 tax form has been submitted to Paul Truax (our Abate-IL Treasurer) and accepted. I have been working on our accounting spreadsheet for the last two years to make it all "automatic" with formulas so that when transaction data is entered, all required reporting, e.g. the 990 Tax form, is generated without tweaking. All Square transactions (our ability to accept credit cards) also cross footed to the penny relative to the 1099-k form. Everything worked as intended balancing to the penny! I'm enhancing it now so our budget accounting is also performed automatically. Yeah, the next treasurer is going to have it easy.



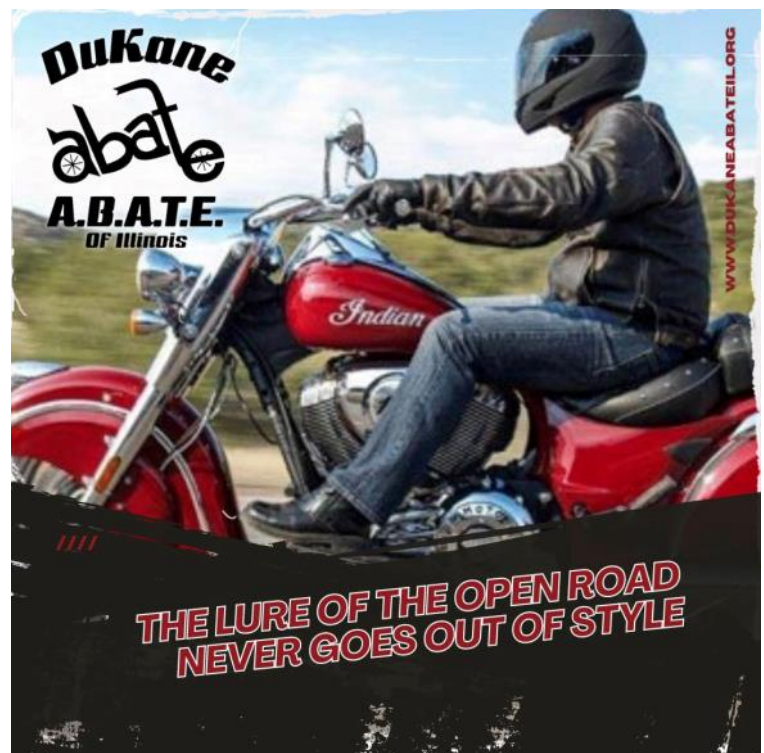
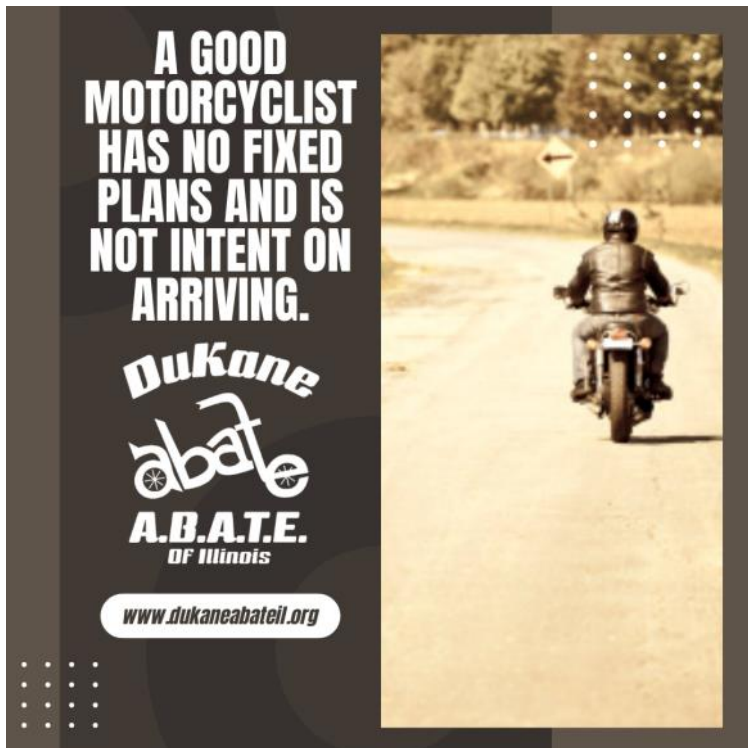
The 2024 budget has been reviewed and approved as our 2024 launch point. This budget includes a budget for The Santa Girls. There is no historical evidence that they have ever been reimbursed for their uniforms, expenses, and incidentals. They engage themselves often for DuKane Abate and it is appropriate that they are financially supported. Thanks Santa Girls!

I have made a tentative decision on our banking situation. I have decided to personally switch to Old Glory Bank (from Old Second) to experience their on-line banking user capabilities firsthand. If I am satisfied, I will open a business account for DuKane Abate. My experience is that if a bank's personal online banking experience is good, the business experience is at least as good with, of course, additional features designed for a business. If you have no knowledge of Old Glory Bank, look them up, <https://oldglorybank.com> click on "who we are" and browse their board, team members, and other info. If you have any firsthand experience, I'd like to know your thoughts.

Let us all say a prayer that 2024 ends with less downed rider incidents than 2023. When you do get your bike out, make situational awareness your number one attention priority and make no assumptions about those driving around you. Fiddle with your GPS, do-dads, and electronic options before you start riding and leave them alone until you are confident unexpected actions are well within your reaction capabilities. Spread joy!

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

Mark Del Monaco





# Membership: Mark Garrison

Lately I've been attempting to correlate the State's membership list to the Chapter's list. I'll tell you I could blow what brains I have left out, but I shall persevere.

Welcome new members:

Thomas Iaccretti, Jack Minster (returning!), Jerry Drallmeier

Members up for renewal in February and March:

Michael Biro, Kermit Dodson, Jeffery James, DJ Kroneck, Seth Lewis, Allen Skillicorn, Peter Walsh, Bob and Nancy Morrison, Dave Benway, Buzz Walneck, David Obaidallah, Butch Hendricks, David Morton, James Sullivan, Donald Peterson, and Todd Ward.

Thank you for renewing:

Dennis Giba, Lisa Mills, Chris Newman, Sue Kalfus, Steve Waltz, Jim Packard, David and Ina Gursky, Brian Gardner

Did you know, as a member you can check the status of your membership at [abate-il.org](http://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.

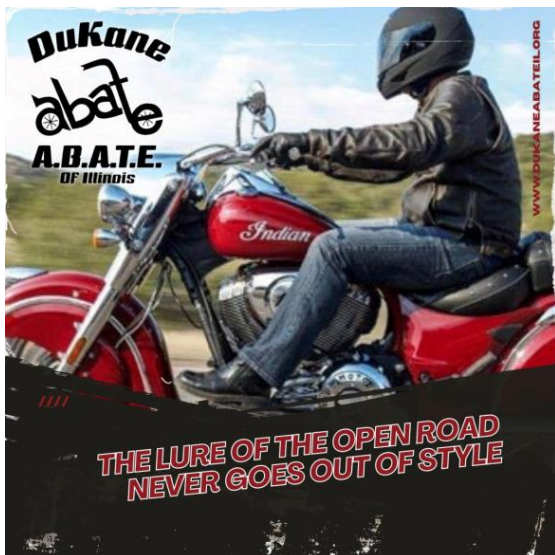
Did you also know, you can renew your membership online by going to [dukaneabateil.org/membership](http://dukaneabateil.org/membership) by clicking the type of renewal you'd like. You will be redirected to the chapter's Square account for payment. There is a \$2 convenience fee. This is the preferred 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

Get up, stand up, stand up for your right

Mark Garrison  
Membership Coordinator  
Safety and Ed Instructor  
DuKane Chapter  
ABATE of Illinois, Inc.  
630-415-5385



A Reason to Put the Toy and Food Run in Your Plans

# 38TH ANNUAL DUKANE ABATE TOY AND FOOD RUN

Sycamore Speedway Entertainment

October 13, 2024



# 7th heaven



[www.dukaneabateil.org/events/tfr/](http://www.dukaneabateil.org/events/tfr/)





# Webmaster/Public Relations: Nathan Klapatch

Hey, everyone,

It's not a bad time to get your motorcycle out, because we're having some surprisingly warm temperatures recently. For February, we've had some notably warm days, and I'm already seeing bikers riding around.



As spring draws closer, the Illinois primary election draws closer. So if you want to pick someone to compete against the other side of the aisle or want to clean up your side of the aisle, you have the opportunity to do so from now until March 19. You can vote in person on that day, but you also have other options. These are voting by mail and voting early in person.

Why would you choose to vote early or vote by mail? Sometimes, unexpected things happen on Election Day, or you might not be around to vote on that day. Technical problems, crowds, and emergencies, whether they're incidental or deliberate, could hinder the voting process and the people ability to cast votes. By contrast, if you get your vote early, you won't have to worry about those issues getting in your way at the last minute.

On the other hand, voting in person on Election Day would remove a few points of error or fraud in the voting process, such as mail delivery. And by voting in the morning or early afternoon on Election Day, you can avoid last-minute crowds that would form close the end of the day.

But what if I told you that there is a way to take advantage of both mail-in and in-person options? That way would be requesting a ballot by mail, surrendering it at a polling place (which would void the mail-in ballot), and voting in person. This will allow you to get your ballot before anyone can steal it, allow you to check what candidates and issues will be on the ballot, and still vote in-person. So if you want to reap the benefits of both mail-in and in-person voting, that's a good way to do it.

Aside from the election, we're going to have an extra chapter event in March. Like other years, we're having our ABATE Bowling Classic, the date being Sunday, March 17th. On March 23rd, we're trying out another recreational activity this year: axe throwing! We'll be having some fun with Open Roads ABATE at Bull and Bear Axe Throwing and having a late lunch afterwards. And there will be more events to come as the spring goes on. I hope you enjoy them and have a good spring!

Nathan Klapatch



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GENERATIONS TO COME.**

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# Education and Safety; Steve Waltz

Happy February. Here's the good news as I write this, we're 25 days away from Spring. Just around the corner and based on the winter we've had so far looks real good to moving into riding season sooner than later. For those riding year round you got to be loving this winter. So far this year we have lost three riders on Illinois roads. So, as you get out there keep your eyes open.

We are full swing into school visits to rap out the school year and have many schools already lined up for summer school. The good news is that we have another member stepping up. Mike Bullis is going to take a crack at helping Mark and I going forward. Glad to have the help and the goal is to add more schools to the list starting with the 2024-2025 school year.



Below is the T-Clock list that we all need to pay attention to as we start pulling those bikes back on the road. Again, stay safe and watch out for the other guy cause they sure as Hell aren't watching out for you.

Steve Waltz  
Safety and Education

## **T- Tires and Wheels**

- Tires- Check tread depth, wear and air pressure

Wheels- See if any spokes are loose or if the rim is bent or cracked. See if it turns freely, but is not loose on the axle.

## **C- Control Levers**

- Inspect levers. Verify they are not bent or broken and move easily.
- Check cables for fraying and lubricate them.
- Check hoses for cracks, leaks, bulges and chaffed areas

Make sure the throttle moves freely. Closes easily. Lube if needed.

## **L- Lights & Battery**

- Check that the battery terminals are clean and tight and that the electrolyte level is correct. Plus make sure the vent tube is hooked to the vent outlet and not kinked
  - Check the turn signals and brake lights for proper operation. Make sure the lenses are not cracked or broken
- Headlight- Check for proper operation and alignment

## **O- Oil Levels**

Check engine oil level plus transmission and primary drive fluid levels

## **C- Chassis**

- Steering Head-Move handlebars back and forth to check for tight spots or binding.
- Hold the front brake and rock the bike front to back to check for any free play in the neck bearings.
- Suspension- Check the front forks and the rear shocks for smooth travel and right air pressure (If equipped)
- Belt- Check tension and visually inspect for any rocks or other objects stuck in it.

Fasteners- Check for any loose nuts or bolts and tighten if needed

## **K- Kickstand**

Side stand- Check for ease of operation and spring action.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! :**



**HAPPY**  
***Birthday***  
**TO OUR FEBRUARY  
BIRTHDAY MEMBERS**

Larry Schab  
Joe O'Reilly  
Steve Verive  
Michael Engelhart  
Jenice Marsolais

Don DeWitte  
John Davies  
Michael Biro  
Nathan Klapatch  
Ed Joyce

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**OF Illinois**





# Events: Chris Newman

## 2024 ABC ABATE Bowling Classic



**Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00**



We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our 7th Annual ABATE Bowling Classic at Bowlero on RT64 in Glendale Heights. Registration 1:00; the games begin at 2:00PM sharp. Bring \$20 for two games including shoes. For another \$10 you can compete in the 9 Pin No Tap Tournament, with a grand prize of \$100. See you there. Register online today!

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

## Open Roads VS DuKane AXE Battle Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:45 – 5:00

DuKane and Open Roads ABATE members will show off their axe throwing skills and vie for the title of Axe Throwing Champs. Arrive at Bull & Bear Axe Throwing at 12:45 pm on March 23. Pay \$29.99 when you check in. We will have one hour of axe throwing games. After shattering records of axe throwing, we will go to Poor Boys for a late lunch. Please call Kevin on (815) 545-6114 before March 18 to reserve a spot. We must have a number participants by this date.



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## 2024 Sycamore Speedway Flat Track Motorcycle Races Friday and Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>



We need volunteers for the national Flat Track Races. Help out your ABATE Chapter by being an on track safety flag person or help at the ABATE Booth, talking to people about ABATE and selling ABATE of Illinois motorcycle raffle tickets. We will have the State raffle motorcycles on display at Sycamore Speedway for both nights.

Please call, text, email, write.





## Events: Chris Newman

### 38<sup>th</sup> Annual DuKane ABATE Toy And Food Run



We still have several key roles fill for our 38<sup>th</sup> Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run. Help us to help the kids who need help the most!

**Marketing Coordinator** – Work with your DuKane ABATE BOD to advertise our Toy Run on social media, print, posters, hand out cards, and ads of all nature. Spread the word!

**Public Relations Coordinator** - Work with your DuKane ABATE BOD and Volunteers to speak with various other groups and organizations about participating with our Toy Run and sharing our promotional material.

**Volunteer Coordinator** – Work with Events Coordinator Chris Newman to contact, confirm, communicate with all volunteers to assure everyone has guidance of where to be, when to be there, and what to do. Requires working with an Excel spreadsheet and phone – email – text.

**Charities Coordinator** - Work with our revered President Emeritus Judy Kaenal to contact, recruit, and coordinate various Toy Run vendors.

**Vendor Coordinator** - Work with our esteemed President Emeritus Judy Kaenal to contact, recruit, and coordinate various vendors and for the Toy Run.

**Donations Assistant** – Work with our BOD Member Amy Nelson to collect donations and sponsorships from local people and businesses.

**Products Coordinator** – Work with your DuKane ABATE BOD to procure and sell ABATE products on-line and at the Toy Run.



**Contact Chris Newman at 630-302-4445 and let me know how you can help!**

# Events: Chris Newman

## DO NOT MISS THESE GREAT EVENTS COMING SOON NEAR YOU!

DuKane ABATE Bowling Classic (ABC)  
Bowlero, Glendale Heights, IL

Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM

Will County ABATE Triathlon  
Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon, Joliet, IL

Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>

34<sup>th</sup> Annual Heartland STEAM  
Ramkota Exhibit Hall, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Friday –Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day  
Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Springfield, IL

Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM

Biker Sunday  
Warehouse Church, Aurora, IL

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>

Motorcycle Awareness Day  
BP Gas Station Rt38 and RT 47, Elburn IL **AND** DuPage Honda, West Chicago, IL

Saturday May 11, 11:00AM

Xtreem Flattrack Amateur Motorcycle Races  
Xtreem Flattrack Pro Motorcycle Races  
Sycamore Speedway, Maple Park, IL

Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride  
Woodstock, IL

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash  
Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL

Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride For John

Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>

SETHtastic Motorcycle Run

Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM

Elburn Days Parade  
Elburn Community Center, Elburn, IL

Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM

Xtreem Flattrack Amateur Motorcycle Races  
Xtreem Flattrack Pro Motorcycle Races  
Sycamore Speedway, Maple Park, IL

Friday September 6<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>

38<sup>th</sup> Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run  
Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL **AND** Sycamore Speedway, Maple Park, IL

Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM



# Events: Chris Newman

## MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET STUFF

### STAY TUNED, BUY PARTS, BUILD MOTORCYCLES, RIDE MOTORCYCLES

Twin Rivers ABATE Swap Meet

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

Chicago World Of Wheels Cyclorama

March 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00AM  
Grundy County Speedway, Morris, IL

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet Woodstock, IL

Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00AM  
McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL

## Follow DuKane Abate On Social Media



Go Forth And Ride!

## Newsletter: Mike Nicholson

### A VERY IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT!

Do you like how things are going? Do you like having those who are supposed to REPRESENT US submit bills that will limit your choices? Or, force you to do things you strongly oppose. Or maybe just limit your choice of transportation to the one they, who have never used that type of transportation, think is the best for you? Doesn't sound like fun does it?

The good news is you can do something that will help you keep your choices, to allow businesses to offer a wide range of items so you get to make your own decisions on what you want. It's easy.

- 1) **Get out on Primary Day, March 19, and VOTE.**
- 2) You will need to request a ballot for one party or another as it is a primary. But, this is the start.
- 3) **Vote for those who REPRESENT YOU, YOUR BELIEFS and YOUR CHOICES. YOU are selecting those who will be on the ballot in November when the final choice is made.**

If you were at the February Meeting you heard some of the proposed new laws. Mandatory helmets, California Emission Standards and such. I can't speak for you but having escaped from Crook County I had high hopes I would find sanity. I forgot Crook and the Collar Counties make up about 65% of the population of Illinois. So, the only way to have representation is to have everyone who has not drunk the Kool-Aid get out and vote.

Remember we are voting for someone to REPRESENT us not LEAD US.

Mike Nicholson  
Editor





**Events: Chris Newman**

# Karaoke Saturday Nights

## Knuckleheads



## Tavern FOOD & FUN



**Join DJ Daveski the first  
Saturday of the month**

**@9pm**

**And DJ Russell T every  
third Saturday @9pm**

**Sing and dance the night  
away twice a month at  
Knuckleheads Tavern**

**HOSTED BY**

**Sundowner**  
  
**Entertainment  
DJ Karaoke**



# WILL COUNTY A.B.A.T.E.

## 2024 WINTER TRIATHLON

JOIN THE GAMES

Sunday, March 10th

REGISTRATION: 11am

GAMES BEGIN: 12pm

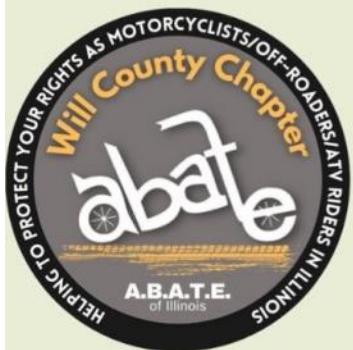
Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon

1117 Plainfield Rd, Joliet IL

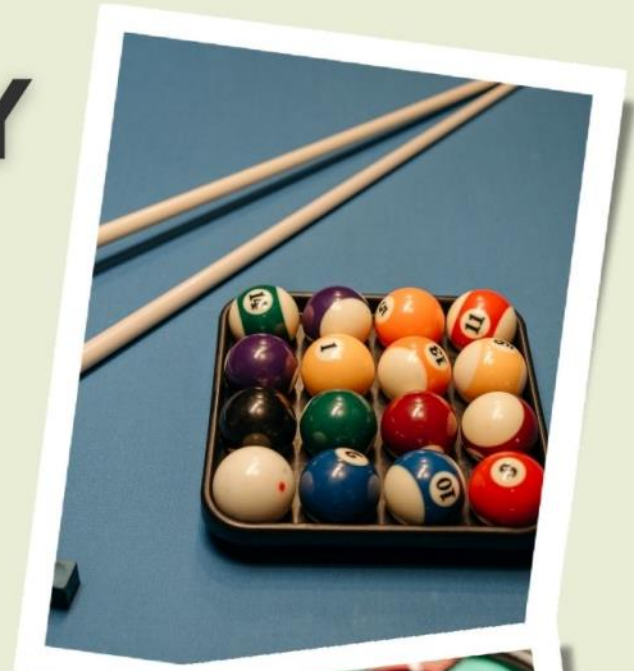
\$20 entry fee per participant

Includes: pool, darts, bags,  
and pizza

\$10 for pizza only



\*prizes awarded  
based on the  
number of  
participants\*



# 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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**WITH SHOES**

**\$10 EXTRA TO  
ENTER THE**

**9 PIN NO TAP  
TOURNAMENT  
\$100 PRIZE**



**Proceeds support our  
Dukane ABATE Downed Rider Fund**

**Bowlero  
Glendale Heights  
558 E North Ave.**





## **DuKane & Open Roads**



**ABATE of IL, Inc.**

**AXE THROWING**

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**12:45 pm**



**Pay \$29.99 at Bull & Bear Axe Throwing,  
299 Montgomery Rd in Montgomery that day**

**After Axe Throwing, join us at Poor Boys,  
283 Montgomery Rd, for food & refreshments**

**Call Kevin on (815) 545-6114 if  
you will be going to Axe Throwing  
by Monday, March 18**

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**TBL MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024**



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**DOORS OPEN 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**  
**THIS IS A ONE DAY MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET, BIKES, LEATHER**  
**APPAREL, PARTS AND MUCH MORE**

**GENERAL ADMISSION 10 AM: \$7.00**  
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**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**BUT NO ATTITUDES**



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*A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota*

## **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Heartland STEAM** *A Seminar to Educate and Motivate*

***April 12-13, 2024***

***Best Western Ramkota – Sioux Falls, SD***

3200 W. Maple Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57107  
#605-336-0650

Ask for the MRF/Heartland STEAM  
block of rooms - \$139.99 per night  
[www.SiouxFalls.BWRamkota.com](http://www.SiouxFalls.BWRamkota.com)

Join members of motorcycle rights groups from South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa as we discuss information and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building and strengthening their organizations.

**Heartland STEAM is a fundraiser for the**  
**M.R.F. - Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

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ABATE/SMRO: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail in Registration with check or money order payable to - **ABATE of South Dakota.**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 on or before March 11th, 2024      \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 fee after March 11th, 2024

T-shirt is not included in registration price. Please complete the following if interested.

T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt color (circle one) Black or Grey      T-shirt \$20.00 extra

Mail to - **ABATE of South Dakota**  
**2605 Kingston Dr**  
**Sioux Falls SD 57107**

Questions and Credit Card Registration - call #605-335-5742





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## **LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 17, 2024**

**ARRIVE AT FLOYD'S  
THIRST PARLOR FROM  
8-9:30AM**

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

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



**FLOYD'S  
THIRST PARLOR**



**ILLINOIS A.B.A.T.E. MEMBERS Show your card and get in for \$5.00**

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**WALNECK'S**  
**WOODSTOCK**  
**MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET**

**THE  
BIG ONE**

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**APRIL 21, 2024** **RAIN  
OR  
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A.B.A.T.E.



Illinois State Fairgrounds,  
ORR Building  
801 E. Sangamon Ave,  
Springfield, IL 62702

**Date & Time :**  
April 28, 2024 | 8am

## For More Information

1-800-87-ABATE

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- X** California Emissions Code?
- X** Being told what performance parts you can and can't install on your motorcycle?

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15TH ANNUAL  
MICHAEL "BOZ" KERR

# Bikers Inside the Beltway

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LOBBY DAY ★★

***Flexible & Moving Forward!***

May 20 & 21, 2024

Since 1987, the MRF has been the only national motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to on-street riders with full-time representation in Washington, DC! — *Ride with the Leaders!*

Pre-event briefing: May 20, 2024 • Event: May 21, 2024  
Pre-register (FREE) at [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) (cut-off May 15)

**MAKE YOUR CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS NOW!**

Embassy Suites, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, Virginia, 703-684-5900, \$260 per night, incl. breakfast (cut-off April 22). Room block is limited so reserve yours today! For room reservations call (800) 362-2779 and reference group code, "MRF"

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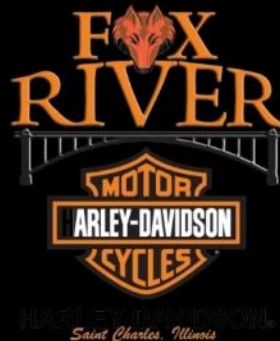
# *The* #SETHTASTIC MOTORCYCLE RUN

July 27, 2024

FOX RIVER H-D | KSU 10:30AM



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**HARLEY-DAVIDSON**

# **HOMECOMING**

JULY 25-28  
2024

MILWAUKEE  
USA

**RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS**  
A CELEBRATION OF  
**JELLY ROLL - HARDY**  
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**THE OFFSPRING • WARREN ZEIDERS • CYPRESS HILL**  
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**HUESTON • SHAYLEN • IRONTOM**

The poster is a vibrant, high-contrast illustration. At the top, the words 'HARLEY-DAVIDSON' are in a clean, white sans-serif font. Below this, the word 'HOMECOMING' is rendered in large, bold, orange letters with a distressed, metallic texture. The central focus is a Harley-Davidson motorcycle helmet, shown from a front-facing perspective. The helmet's visor is clear, revealing a stylized cityscape with various skyscrapers and a bridge, set against a warm, orange-hued sky. The helmet's chin bar and side mirrors are visible. The background of the entire poster is black, with two large, white guitar fretboards extending diagonally from the sides, framing the central helmet. The overall aesthetic is gritty and celebratory, capturing the essence of the Harley-Davidson brand and the 'Homecoming' event.



***Get ready for the party  
of the summer!***



***Details Coming Soon***

[www.abate-il.org](http://www.abate-il.org)





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ST LOUIS, MISSOURI**

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Saint Louis, MO 63134-3307

Hotel direct line 314-429-1100. Mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation for conference room rates (deadline Sept. 4, 2024).

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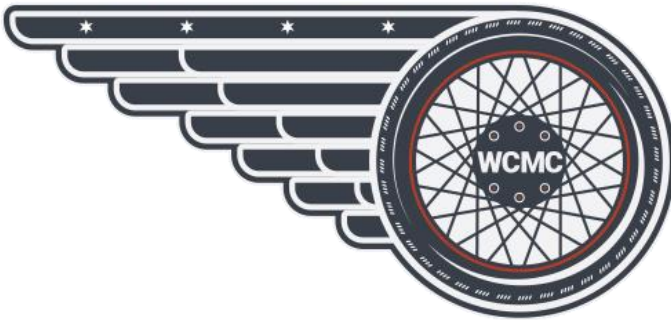
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