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Hello DuKane ABATE!

I'd like to thank Vice President/Legislative Coordinator Randy Ramey for running the Monthly Membership Meeting & Christmas Party while I was in New Orleans. I hope everyone had a great time! Special thanks to Santa & Mrs. Claus for taking the time out of their busy schedule this Christmas season to join us and to Treasurer Mark Del Monaco for putting the games together.



The year is almost to a close and we're looking forward to continuing to work to preserve the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties in 2025. A lot of DuKane BOD members will be attending the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar January 17th-18th to learn new things to bring back to our chapter to help continue that work. A big part of that work is being in the classroom talking with new and inexperienced drivers. DuKane ABATE Safety & Ed Officer Steve Waltz, Membership Officer Mark Garrison, and Mike Bullis are ready to lead the way in 2025 and make sure that these new drivers are aware of motorcyclists on the road.

I'd like to congratulate the 2025 DuKane ABATE Board of Directors as they have been seated. They are as follows: President – Chris Hansen, Vice President – Randy Ramey, BOD Rep – Kley Abel, Treasurer – Mark Del Monaco, Events Officer – Chris Newman, Secretary – Amy Nelson, Legislative Coordinator – Randy Ramey, Membership Officer – Mark Garrison, Public Relations Officer – Nathan Klapatch, Safety & Education Officer – Steve Waltz, Newsletter Officer – Mike Nicholson, Road Captain – Viper, Independent Representative #1 – John Block, and Independent Representative #2 – Horsepower. I want to thank everyone for dedicating their time to working for motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties.

The next event that Events Officer Chris Newman has on tap for the DuKane Chapter is our 8th Annual DuKane ABATE ABC – ABATE Bowling Classic on March 16th at 2:00pm at Bowlero in Glendale Heights. Thank you to our sponsors for this event – Law Tigers, The Toy Shop & Motolounge, and Wild Fire Harley-Davidson. It's going to be a fun day of motorcyclist camaraderie and for only \$20 you get 2 games of bowling, including shoe rental. For an extra \$10, you can take part in a 9 Pin-No-Tap Tournament for a cash prize. Not enough? Get in on the DuKane ABATE Santa Girls 50/50 Raffle! There will also be door prizes and trophies for the winners. Be sure to wear your best St. Patrick's Day green outfit! It's going to be a great afternoon of fun, and all proceeds will go to the DuKane ABATE Downed Rider Budget, so we'll see everyone there.

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President: Chris Hansen

With the 2025 Consolidated Election coming up, now is a great time to get to know the local candidates. In DuPage and Kane Counties, there are plenty of Mayoral, School Board, and Trustee/Alderman races happening. Jeff Schielke has an opponent in his Batavia Mayoral race as he faces Thomas Connelly. Richard Irvin, who has **NOT** been a friend to motorcyclists or DuKane ABATE, will face Judd Lofchie in the race for Aurora Mayor. Kevin Burns will face Karsten Pawlik in the race for Geneva Mayor. Ruben Pineda will face 2 opponents, Daniel Bovey and Joseph Sheehan, in the race for West Chicago Mayor. Lora Vitek is facing Former Chief Judge of the Kane County Circuit Court Clint Hull in the race for St. Charles Mayor. 5 Candidates are running for 3 positions for the Kaneland School Board 302, including good friend Addam Gonzales. Elburn Mayor Jeff Walter is up for re-election. DuKane ABATE Vice President and Legislative Coordinator Randy Ramey will also be up for re-election for Wayne Township Supervisor. There are many races to watch. Get to know where all these candidates stand on the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists. Will they work with DuKane ABATE on the issues and challenges we face? Do they know who DuKane ABATE is and what it is we do? When you talk to these candidates, ask them these questions and educate them on it. Remember, a lot of these local candidates go on to hold State Offices, so we want to have that solid relationship with them.

Make sure to join us on January 21st for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. Come hungry as Melissa will be making her famous tacos! 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 2025 as we work to preserve the legacy of motorcycling through resources, education, and political representation! 123 Main Street in West Chicago is the address.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar. It's always a good time.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

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DUKANE ABATE
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP
MEETING

Join us in the work of preserving the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties!

TUESDAY JANUARY 21
7:30PM SHARP

WEST CHICAGO AMERICAN LEGION
123 Main Street West Chicago, IL 60185

DuKane abate A.B.A.T.E. OF Illinois

Join Us!

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Hello All,

I know a few of you may have been on the naughty list but I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas!



As we turn to the new year, local elections will be coming up quickly. This is where your property taxes go so it is very important to pay attention. Turn out is normally low so make a plan to vote! Vote by mail and early voting will start in March with the election on April 1, 2025.

February 25th will have a consolidated primary for the City of Aurora Mayor and for Lisle Township for only the democratic candidates for township office. An individual may request a ballot to vote by mail up through February 20, 2025. An individual may vote early at the Election Division Office, located at each County Complex, beginning January 16, 2025, through February 24, 2025, or early vote in person at one of the County's Early Voting sites, starting February 10, 2025, through February 24, 2025.

103rd ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly will return for the January lame-duck Session from January 4 through 7. Members of the 104 General Assembly will be sworn into office on Wednesday, January 8.

There may be the introduction of a mini energy omnibus bill during the upcoming lame-duck session. The legislation is expected to address anticipated resource adequacy constraints through specific, near-term efforts. These include reducing delays in renewable energy development, initiating energy storage procurement, supporting resource planning, and increasing energy efficiency. Negotiations continue on the package, with some labor organizations opposed to the project labor agreement language in the current draft. The Governor's office is seeking an agreed bill.

Last Friday Governor JB Pritzker, joined by medical experts and legislators, announced his support for [HB 4293](#) (Lightford/Buckner) which regulates intoxicating hemp products. The legislation targets hemp-derived THC and CBD products currently sold outside of licensed dispensaries, such as Delta-8 products. The bill follows reports of minors ingesting misleading or poorly labeled products. It sets limits on intoxicating hemp products, similar to the regulations imposed on legal cannabis through the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. The new regulations would ban misleading marketing and packaging that mimics consumer brands to appeal to children, while moving intoxicating hemp products into the state's existing regulated marketplace to ensure safe testing and dosage requirements.

2025 Spring Session Key Dates and Deadlines:

January 4 – 7: Lame Duck Session

January 8: Inauguration of the 104 General Assembly

January 24: House and Senate LRB Request Deadline (LRB Blackout Begins)

February 7: Deadline – Bill Introduction Deadline Both Chambers

February 19: Governor's Budget and State of the State Address

March 21: Deadline – Committee Deadline Both Chambers

April 11: Deadline – Third Reading Deadline Both Chambers

May 9: Deadline – Committee Deadline Bills in Opposite Chamber

May 23: Deadline – Third Reading Deadline Bills in Opposite Chamber

May 31: Adjournment

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GOVERNOR'S HIGHLIGHTS:

Healthcare Transformation Capital Investment Grant Program: The Healthcare Transformation Capital Investment Grant Program awarded \$200 million in funding to 13 organizations. These grants will fund capital projects that address health-related social needs and reduce disparities in healthcare for historically underserved communities.



The grants build on the state's Healthcare Transformation Collaboratives (HTC) program, established in 2021 to expand access to care and improve health equity. The HTC program leverages shared resources among collaborative partners to create locally-driven solutions, especially in underserved areas.

Of the 13 awardees, 6 are safety net health entities, representing 48% of the total funding. Safety net hospitals and medical centers provide healthcare to patients regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

Medicaid Expands Maternal Health Coverage: The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services expanded maternal and child health coverage by making new perinatal doula and lactation consultant services available to pregnant and postpartum individuals enrolled in the Illinois Medicaid program. Doulas are trained professionals who provide physical, educational, and emotional support throughout pregnancy, birth, and postpartum to improve health outcomes for birthing individuals and infants. Lactation consultants are healthcare professionals who offer breastfeeding education and support, helping parents navigate any challenges they may face.

Medicaid coverage for lactation consultant services spans the entire perinatal period, from pregnancy through infant weaning. Covered services include perinatal education on breastfeeding and human lactation, comprehensive maternal/infant/feeding assessments related to breastfeeding and lactation, and evidence-based lactation counseling to promote successful breastfeeding. Services may be provided individually, in a group, or via telehealth.

Medicaid also covers certified doula services for the full perinatal period and up to one year postpartum, regardless of pregnancy outcome. Covered doula services include perinatal counseling, education and support (including newborn care), birth plan development, labor/delivery support, care coordination, and in-person or telehealth visits to assist with basic infant care. Labor and delivery support must be provided in person.

Sustainable Aviation Fuel: Governor JB Pritzker, Avina Clean Hydrogen, and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced the selection of Southwest Illinois as the location for Avina's \$820 million sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) project. This investment will enable Avina, a pioneer in clean fuels, to develop a state-of-the-art facility capable of producing up to 120 million gallons of SAF annually using KBR's alcohol-to-jet technology. Over its lifespan, the project is expected to prevent 25 million metric tons of aviation carbon emissions annually and create at least 150 full-time jobs in Illinois, plus 1,000 construction jobs.

ICC Approves ComEd's Revised Multi-Year Grid Plan: The Illinois Commerce Commission approved Commonwealth Edison's revised multi-year grid plan (2024-2027) with modifications. The Commission approved \$3.3 billion in investments and system improvements to bolster power grid reliability and support Illinois' ongoing electrification efforts, cutting the utility's initial \$4.5 billion proposal by approximately 25%.

The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act required the state's largest investor-owned electric utilities to file grid modernization plans aligned with Illinois' clean energy goals and increased accountability measures.

ComEd was required to refile its grid plan this year after the ICC rejected the utility's initial 2023 proposal for failing to comply with several CEJA provisions related to consumer affordability and environmental justice.

IDNR Awards OSLAD Grants: Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced that more than \$55.2 million in grant funding was awarded to 100 local park projects throughout Illinois to help communities acquire land and develop recreational opportunities.

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Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant Opportunity: The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is seeking proposals for Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) program implementation grants. A total of \$1,500,000 in FY25 funding is available for 12-month projects.



The mission of ARI is to safely reduce prison use by building local systems that divert individuals from incarceration into more cost-effective community-based programs that promote reintegration. ARI provides funding and technical assistance to Illinois communities to establish a continuum of sanctions and treatment alternatives addressing social determinants of crime and promoting equity in the justice system.

This solicitation is open to county governments or judicial circuits. Applicants may submit on behalf of a group of counties or a judicial circuit. Other local government entities, private agencies, and non-profits are not eligible to apply directly but may be included as sub awardees or subcontractors within the applicant's program design and budget. To be considered for funding, completed applications must be submitted via AmpliFund link by 5:00 p.m., January 17, 2025.

OTHER NEWS:

Chicago Public Schools Board: On Tuesday, Mayor Brandon Johnson appointed 10 members to the Chicago Board of Education, marking the start of the transition away from a mayoral-appointed Chicago Public Schools Board. Johnson's selections include a mix of community activists and candidates who were unsuccessful in their bids to win a seat on the board. They will join the 10 individuals elected to the board in November. The new Board will take office on January 15.

Equal Pay Act: The Illinois Department of Labor is reminding employers and job seekers of changes taking place to the Illinois Equal Pay Act. Effective January 1, 2025, the Illinois Equal Pay Act of 2003 will require employers with 15 or more employees to include pay scale and benefit information in all job postings. Additionally, these employers must inform current employees of all open job opportunities, allowing them to apply. This change, contained in HB 3129, was passed by the Illinois General Assembly and signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker in 2023.

Employers Required to Provide Pay Stubs: The Illinois Department of Labor is also reminding employers that starting January 1, 2025, they must provide pay stubs to employees with each paycheck. These pay stubs must detail the employee's hours worked, pay rates, overtime pay, and any deductions from wages. Under Public Act 103-0953, employers are required to maintain copies of employee pay stubs for three years from the date of payment, even if the employee is no longer with the company. Employees and former employees may request copies of their pay stubs up to twice per 12-month period.

Settlement Reached with GrubHub: In partnership with the Federal Trade Commission, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul announced a \$25 million settlement with Grubhub Inc. over its alleged deceptive business practices that harmed customers, delivery drivers, and restaurants.

Raoul's office launched an investigation into Grubhub's practices after receiving numerous consumer complaints. The investigation, conducted jointly with the FTC, revealed that Grubhub's deceptive tactics negatively impacted nearly all aspects of its transactions. Specifically, Grubhub was found to have misled consumers about delivery costs and Grubhub Plus benefits, misled drivers about earnings potential, and listed restaurants on its platform without their knowledge or consent.

As part of the nationwide settlement, \$24.8 million in restitution will be provided to affected consumers, while an additional \$200,000 will support the Illinois Attorney General's consumer education and enforcement efforts.

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Illinois Supreme Court Issues Policy on AI: The Illinois Supreme Court has issued a new policy allowing judges and attorneys in the state to use artificial intelligence (AI) tools in their work, provided they comply with legal and ethical standards. The policy, which takes effect on January 1, states that the use of AI by legal professionals "may be expected, should not be discouraged, and is authorized" as long as it adheres to relevant standards.



The policy does not mandate the disclosure of AI use in court filings. However, attorneys will face potential sanctions for submitting "legally or factually unfounded pleadings." Other courts have previously required lawyers to disclose their use of AI, and have penalized those whose AI-assisted filings contained errors or fabricated case citations. Ultimately, the Illinois Supreme Court has made clear that lawyers and judges who leverage AI technology remain accountable for the final work product. They must thoroughly review all AI-generated content and ensure the protection of sensitive information.

Attorney General Raoul Warns About Unapproved Weight Loss Medications: Attorney General Kwame Raoul is warning Illinois residents about misleading advertisements for unapproved versions of GLP-1 medications like Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro, and Zepbound. Raoul cautions that many sellers, including med spas, wellness centers, online retailers, and social media sellers, are offering compounded drugs or other illegal products instead of the legitimate brand-name or generic medications. These unapproved products may put people's health at risk, as they have not been evaluated by the FDA for safety and effectiveness. Raoul strongly urges residents to only obtain GLP-1 prescriptions from trusted healthcare providers and fill them at properly licensed pharmacies.

Changes to Illinois Tax Laws: The Tax Foundation prepared a new report highlighting tax changes taking effect at the start of the new year. Effective January 1, 2025, Illinois will raise its franchise (capital stock) tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Additionally, Illinois will broaden its sales tax base to include retail leases of tangible personal property, excluding certain vehicles. The state will also transition to a destination-based sourcing system for retailers with a physical presence, requiring them to remit sales taxes on out-of-state sales. To offset the costs to retailers of complying with sales tax collection and remittance laws, Illinois will allow retailers to retain 1.75% of sales taxes collected (capped at \$1,000/month) starting January 1. Furthermore, the General Assembly is commissioning a study of the state's property tax system, with recommendations due by July 1, 2026.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Thank you,
Randy

Membership: Mark Garrison

Happy and healthy New Year to you all.

Please welcome new members:

Phil and Cindy Taylor, Efren Putenes

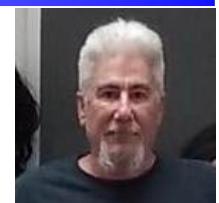
Thanks for renewing:

Kathy Flores, Mark and Linda Garrison

Up for renewal October, November, December, and January 2025

Dennis Ryan, Anthony Pizzuto, Michael Englehart, Nick Boke, Norm Gross, Cheryl Soto, Desiree Reese, Corinne Pierog, Steve and Laurie Westaburg Martin, Bill Constable, Robert Knorre, Gomer Johanson, John Mihelich, Kurt Madsen, Greeley Koch, Tom Scott, Chris Hansen, Jenny Halsey, Chuck Ingersoll, George and Michelle Overdorff, Rex and Barbara Lenegir, Steve Hunt, Mark Maltese

Brian Shadiow, Brian Gardner, Nathen Klapatch, David and Ina Gursky



If I made any mistakes or there are corrections to be made, Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mark Garrison
DuKane Chapter ABATE of IL, Inc.
Membership Coordinator
Safety and Ed Instructor

Membership: A Reminder

HEADS UP!

The ABATE of Illinois Board of Directors voted to raise membership dues. Starting January 1, 2025 memberships will go to \$30/Year for a single and \$55/Year for a couple.

You will still get the current membership rate through the end of the year. You can do that by heading to www.abate-il.org/join. You can renew now even if you are not yet due. The change will take effect the next time you renew.



ATTENTION

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The ABATE of Illinois Board of Directors has voted to change the membership dues. Starting January 1, 2025 it will be \$30/Year Single and \$55/Year Couple.

You will still be able to get memberships for \$25 and \$45 through the end of the year.

Contact your BOD Representative with any questions.

A.B.A.T.E.



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Secretary: Amy Nelson



DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois
Membership Meeting Date: 12/17/2024
AGENDA



TIME Meeting Starts: 7:30pm

Attendance:

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

Call To Order** Pledge of Allegiance **

New Members Welcome!

Names of New Members:

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)

President - Chris Hansen

Not Present

Vice President/Legislative - Randy Ramey

The Legislature is not in session. The State budget is 3.9 Billion dollars in the hole. The Lame Duck session starts on the 4th of January with the new members sworn in on the 8th.

A motion to approve the uncontested slate of Board Officers was requested. The motion was proposed by Mike Nicholson and seconded by Mike Simko. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary: Amy Nelson

Membership – Mark Garrison

Our current Membership is about 300.



BOD State Representative – Kley Abel

Illinois Legislative Agenda 2025-ABATE will primarily stay on the same agenda as 2024. However, with more focus on potential helmet bills and the motorcycle safety course. Helmet Legislation - ABA continue to oppose helmet bills coming out of the capitol. House Rep. Daniel Didech will likely attempt to repeat his helmet bill again this coming year. From what Ski has heard, he supposedly likes the fight and thinks it's funny. Motorcycle Training - IDOT and SIU has slow walked the motorcycle safety course classes in the central region, with the northern region years out before it's back up and running. ABATE is fully committed to revamping the program to train more students yearly and hopefully have more range locations. Something must change. Right to Repair - ABATE will continue to fight companies to make repairing and modifying our vehicles more accessible. Emissions - ABATE signed onto a letter with multiple other groups last year that was sent to the federal government and the state government opposing these regulations. Killing all of the California emission bills, but the organizations behind them aren't done. They'll probably never give up. Autonomous Vehicles-ABATE will continue to advocate for making autonomous vehicles like Tesla safer or not allowed on the road at all. We'll continue to push something like REP. Dan Caulkin's bill from last year that amends the Illinois Vehicle Code provides that a person commits reckless driving when the person drives or operates any vehicle without physically being present in the vehicle. Profiling - ABATE opposes anything like noise monitoring systems or no colors (MC vests) on businesses. Off-Road issues - We will continue to monitor the progress of proposed legislation to use County highways with off-road vehicles. We also will continue to work on the opening of the Sahara Woods off-road Park.

Events – Chris Newman

The ABATE Seminar and Banquet is 01/17-18/25. Legislative Day is March 19, we are nailing down the reservations. March 16 is the Annual ABC Bowling Classic. The 39th Toy and Food Run will be Oct. 12th. Motorcycle Awareness Day is Saturday May 10. The Bikini Bike Wash will be July 12th. Chicago ABATE will be having a Chili Cookoff on 02/22/25.

PR/Webmaster - Nathan Klapatch

No report

Safety & Education – Steve Waltz

To date this year we have seen 5253 students. There have been 146 fatalities this year.

Road Captain: Viper

Not in attendance.

Treasurer – Mark Del Monaco

We will be balanced for 990 forms by the end of the month.

Independent Rep –John Bloch

No report.

Independent Rep 2-Horsepower

No report

PR/Website—Nathan Klapatch

No report

Raffles

Who Won 50/50? \$110 was won by Efren Pitones.

Secretary: Amy Nelson

Motion Made IF ANY:

Name of Person that Made the Motion: Motion made by Mike Nicholson to accept the monthly membership meeting notes from November.

Second Made by: Motion seconded by Mike Simko

Motion Info: Motion approved the notes from October's meeting.

Yes: Unanimous No: None Motion Carried?? Yes



Motion Made IF ANY:

Name of Person that Made the Motion: Motion made by Phil Kraft to adjourn meeting.

Second Made by: Motion seconded by Kathy Crowell.

Motion Info: Motion adjourns meeting.

Yes: Unanimous No: None Motion Carried?? Yes

Adjourn Meeting

TIME ADJOURNED? 8:10pm

Support those who support us :

A political campaign advertisement for Judd Lofchie. The ad features a portrait of Judd Lofchie, a man in a dark suit and blue tie, smiling. To his left is a red graphic with white text that reads "JUDD LOFCHIE WILL MAKE THE BEST DECISIONS AS MAYOR FOR THE RESIDENTS OF AURORA, NOT HIMSELF." Below this text is a stylized eagle logo with red, white, and blue feathers. At the bottom left, the text "JUDD FOR MAYOR" is displayed in large blue letters. The bottom right corner contains the text "THE BRIGHTER FUTURE THAT AURORA, ILLINOIS NEEDS." The bottom left also has the website "www.juddforaurora.com". The background of the ad is a white and grey abstract design.

Someone you should know about:

This was submitted by Steve Graef of Law Tigers. Steve had someone in mind who has been a part of the local motorcycle community since the 1980s. This gentleman is part of a less well represented segment of the motorcycle community. So grab a cup of coffee, settle down for a couple minutes and meet someone in our neighborhood. Thanks Steve.

Ron Rivenburgh: A Lifetime of Motorcycling Passion and Dedication

Since 1989, Ron Rivenburgh has been the proud owner of the Northwest Cycle Center in McHenry, Illinois. His journey into the world of motorcycles started much earlier, at the tender age of 12. With unwavering support from his mother, Ron began racing motocross at 13. His first bike was a Honda CT70, a modest start that paved the way for his impressive career. By age 15, with the help of his mom and countless hours of hard work, Ron acquired his first true racing bike. His mother was not just his biggest supporter but also his constant companion at every race, promising him strawberry shortcake for every top-three finish, a tradition that soon became frequent as Ron's skills rapidly advanced.



Ron's ascent in motocross was meteoric. By the time he was competing in the Expert Level Open class, he was riding a powerful 500cc dirt bike, an extraordinary feat for someone so young. His professional journey began at Midwest Action Cycle, under the mentorship of Ron Lindsey, a renowned Open class rider. Rivenburgh eventually took over Lindsey's reins, marking the beginning of a new chapter in his career. However, a brief stint in the engineering field made Ron realize that his passion lay elsewhere, prompting his return to the motorcycle industry.

In 1989, Ron became the service manager at a Suzuki dealership in McHenry. After a year or two, the owner decided to exit the business, giving Ron the opportunity to take over and establish the Northwest Cycle Center. With just \$200 and a dream, Ron set out to make his mark. Today, 35 years later, the center remains a staple in the community, thanks to Ron's dedication and the support of his loyal customers. Despite facing challenges, including the loss of his long-time service tech Bob Campbell, Ron adapted by shifting the focus of his business from full engine rebuilding to maintenance-only services.



Ron's racing career extended far beyond motocross. As tracks evolved into more dangerous arenas, he transitioned to Enduro and Rally racing, drawn by the endurance aspect and the personal accountability it required. One of his most memorable achievements was participating in the Nevada Rally in 1994, a grueling 2,200-mile race through the Nevada desert. With his friend Barry Elliott as his mechanic and motivator and his then-girlfriend, now wife of over 30 years, Karleen, Ron secured a fourth-place finish against some of the world's best racers. This race was just one highlight in a series of impressive performances, including top finishes in the Baja 1000, Baja 500, and other major events.



Balancing his passion for racing with family life, Ron found immense joy in watching his children, Kailey Rhoten and Ryan Rivenburgh, follow in his footsteps. After excelling in motocross and hare scrambles, they expressed an interest in trials riding, a discipline Ron had dabbled in but put on hold due to the demands of raising a young family. Trials riding, with its emphasis on coordination, balance, and concentration, proved to be a natural fit for Kailey and Ryan, who went on to win national championships.



Ron himself has been riding trials for about 25 years, a testament to his enduring love for the sport. The trials community, known for its camaraderie and mutual support, is where Ron feels most at home. His commitment to trials riding led him to become a Beta Motorcycle dealer in 2016, achieving top sales and eventually being appointed as the Trials Development Manager for Beta USA.

In his new role, Ron travels across the country, sharing his expertise and passion with riders of all levels. He sets up challenging courses, provides technique tips, and watches riders improve, finding immense satisfaction in their progress. This job, which he describes as a dream come true, allows Ron to combine his love for motorcycles with his talent for teaching, making a significant impact on the trials riding community.

Treasurer: Mark Del Monaco

November's finances are in progress balanced with Old Second and Old Glory bank statements and Square.



There is really nothing new to report for this last month. I was quite busy being Santa's Elf gathering and wrapping gifts for our membership Christmas party. The party was a ton of fun with Santa and Mrs. Claus, good food, a lot of presents, a fun game, ham give-a-ways, a \$110 50/50 chance, and about 40 people!

I'm going to make a little presentation on Chapter Treasury management at the State Seminar this year in Springfield. It will be based on the Excel spreadsheet I've been using that keeps Chapter expense transactions logged, associated with a 990 tax form category and an optional budget category. I tried to KISS (keep it simple stupid) the Treasury process so that it's not a headache for me to repeat every month and most importantly, not a frustration at the end of the year when summarizing for tax reporting purposes and reviewing how we performed relative to the budgets we put in place. It also provides an overall summary of how we did financially (profit/loss) as a chapter and sets the limits for next year's budget planning.

Well... it looks like I'm going to be your treasurer for another 2 years. I thank everyone for their confidence in me, but seriously, over the next two years, we need to find a replacement treasurer. It's important to have term limits on the Board's positions. It is a two-year commitment, and this next deployment will make 6 years for me! It's not a difficult job. It takes about 4 hours per month to do everything needed. I will teach you all you need to know.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year! Thank you, one and all.

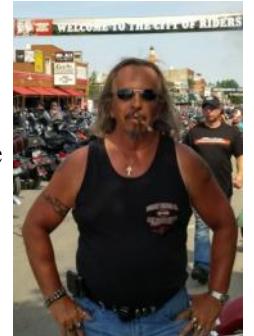
If you have questions, comments, or improvement recommendations, just e-mail me at DuKaneTreasurer2014@gmail.com. I'll do my best to respond quickly and thoughtfully.

Mark Del Monaco

Education and Safety; Steve Waltz

Hope everyone is enjoying family and friends for the holiday season. Just a few lines to close out the year. In 2024 Mike Bullis, Mark Garrison and I visited 49 locations speaking with 5,253 individuals and driver education students. We are hopeful that we can increase this number in 2025. It is extremely important that we do everything we can to make sure drivers watch for us on the road. Sadly, we lost 147 motorcyclists in Illinois this year. If you're still riding this winter please make sure that you watch out for all the cagers that don't watch for you.

Steve Waltz
Safety and Education



Webmaster/Public Relations: Nathan Klapatch

Hey, everyone,

The year has come to close, and we ended it off with a bang with our Christmas party. We had a nice turnout, an ample supply of food, and a visit from Santa and his elves to give us some early Christmas presents. Need some proof? I've got photos of the event on Facebook right now! I appreciate that we had a lot of people there, and I hope we have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Nathan Klapatch



Ways to Support the Community:

When DuKane ABATE has an event or wants to get the word out one place that always stands up with us is Knuckleheads Tavern. On December 22 we had the chance to return the favor. We supported Toys For Tots at Knuckleheads Tavern. Knuckleheads supports us when we give back to the community and we support them when they give back to our communities.



Events: Chris Newman



2025 ABATE OF ILLINOIS STATE SEMINAR



January means it is time once again for the 2025 ABATE of Illinois State Seminar in Springfield. What better can you do with your time than hang out with motorcycle people and learn about how to keep our freedom and rights as motorcyclists. See the application form in this newsletter or on the

ABATE of Illinois website. Even easier – click this

<https://www.abate-il.org/Seminar-2025>

All ABATE members are encouraged to attend. None will be turned away. I particularly enjoy talking to ABATE members from all across the State and learning what is working well for them. The seminars are great as well. I have picked up some deals at the silent and live auctions. The party on Saturday night is a hoot! See you there.



2025 ABC ABATE BOWLING CLASSIC



Our first DuKane ABATE event of 2025 will be the 8th Annual ABATE Bowling Classic! Sunday March 16th at Bowlero on RT64 in Glendale Heights. You may register at 1:00; the games begin at 2: 00PM sharp. An afternoon of fun for only \$20. You get two games, shoes, as well as an awesome time. Think you can bowl with the big dogs? For only \$10 more you can compete amongst the elite bowlers ABATE has to offer in the 9 Pin No Tap Tournament. You will earn honor, glory, and 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 be going on as well. Bring your friends, family, neighbors, and remote acquaintances to share this afternoon to remember together. See you there.



Events: Chris Newman

39th ANNUAL DUKANE ABATE TOY AND FOOD RUN



Our 39th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run will be held on October 12th, 2025. Save the date, participation is mandatory. No time better than the present to start preparing for the greatest motorcycling event in Illinois. We can really use your help. I do not know how to do that stuff you may think? I did not either. I was shown the way by others, as we will for you. No worries, jump on in, the water is fine. 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, radio, podcasts, 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 Kaelan and CY to contact, recruit, and coordinate various Toy Run vendors.

Vendor Coordinator - Work with our esteemed President Emeritus Judy Kaelan and CY 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.

Events: Chris Newman

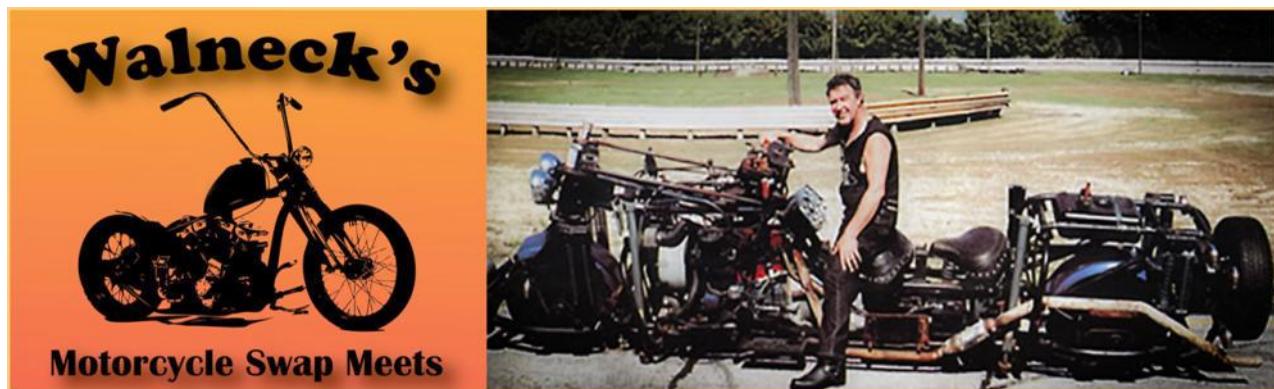
Happy Christmas and Merry New Year to everyone. Looking forward to freedom, peace, prosperity, and safe riding for all in 2025!

Go Forth and Ride – Newman

MOTORCYCLE EVENTS HAPPENING NEAR YOU SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE TIME

ABATE State Seminar Northfield Inn, Springfield IL	Fri – Sat January 17 th – 18 th
ABATE Of Illinois Northwest Region Chili Shootout VFW Post 540, Dixon, IL	Saturday Feb 1 st 3:00PM
Will County ABATE Cabin Fever Party Stone City VFW Post 2199, Joliet, IL	Saturday Feb. 1st 6:00PM
Chicago ABATE Chili Cookoff River Park Moose, River Grove, IL	Saturday Feb. 22nd 12:00 to 6:00PM
Flat Out Friday Fireserv Forum, Milwaukee, WI	Friday February 21 st 7:00PM
Mama Tried Motorcycle Show Eagles Ballroom, Milwaukee, WI	Sat. and Sun. February 22 nd and 23 rd
Will County ABATE Trialathon Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon, Joliet, IL	Sunday March 9 th 12:00PM
Northern Illinois ABATE Chili Cook-off Wauconda American Legion Post 911, Wauconda, IL	Saturday March 1st 6:00PM
8 th Annual DuKane ABATE Bowling Classic (ABC) Bowlero, Glendale Heights, IL	Sunday March 16th 2:00PM
ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Springfield, IL	Wednesday March 19th 8:00AM
35 th Annual Heartland STEAM Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf IA	Fri. – Sat. April 4 th and 5 th
Biker Sunday Warehouse Church, Aurora, IL	Sunday May 4th 9:00AM
Motorcycle Awareness Day BP Gas Station Rt38 and RT 47, Elburn IL	Saturday May 10th, 11:00AM
Distinguished Gentleman's Ride Woodstock, IL	DuPage Honda, West Chicago, IL Sunday, May 18 th
DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL	Saturday July 12 th , 11:00AM
9 th Annual Ride For John Location TBD	Saturday July 19 th
9 th Annual SETHtastic Motorcycle Run Location TBD	Saturday July 26 th , 9:00AM
Elburn Days Parade Elburn Community Center, Elburn, IL	Friday August 15 th 5:00PM
39 th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL	Sunday October 12 th 9:30 AM Sycamore Speedway, Maple Park, IL

Events: Chris Newman



MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET STUFF

Buy motorcycle parts, build motorcycles, stay tuned, ride motorcycles

Winter Blows Motorcycle Swap Meet
Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park, East Belleville, IL

Sunday January 5th 10:00AM

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet
Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL

Sunday Feb 9th 8:00 AM

Twin Rivers ABATE Swap Meet
Dixon Elks Lodge, Dixon, IL

Sunday February 23rd, 9:00AM

Chicago World Of Wheels Cyclerama
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL

Fri. – Sun, March 7th – 9th

ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet
Illinois State Fairgrounds ORR Building, Springfield, IL

Sunday March 16th 8:00AM

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet
McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL

Sunday April 13th 8:00AM

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet
Grundy County Speedway, Morris, IL

Sunday June 8th, 8:00AM

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet Woodstock, IL
McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL

Sunday June 22rd, 8:00AM

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Please mail to: ABATE of Illinois PO Box 526 Avon, IL 61415

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Northwest Region

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Saturday, February 1, 2025

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February 15, 2025**



**EBOD - 10:30am
BOD - 1:00pm**



**Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center
625 E. St. Joseph St Springfield, IL**

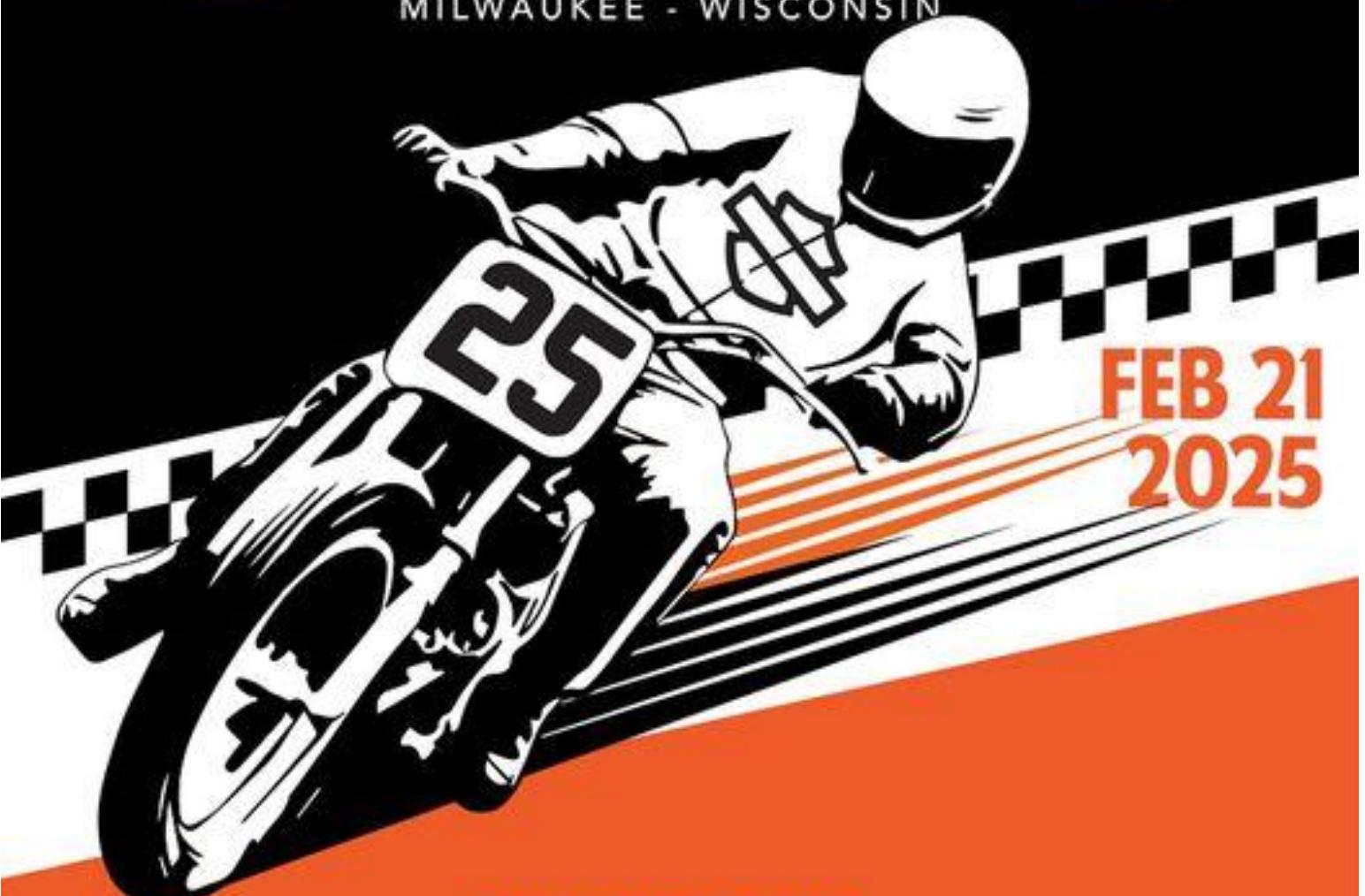
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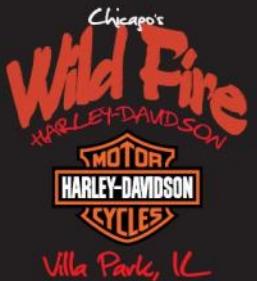
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