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Hello DuKane ABATE!

As we welcome March, DuKane ABATE reminds everyone that motorcycle season is right around the corner. With warmer weather approaching, riders will be hitting the roads in DuPage and Kane Counties. It's crucial to raise awareness and encourage safe driving practices. Whether you're on two wheels or four, the roads belong to everyone. We need to be out in our communities urging motorists to stay alert, especially when making turns or changing lanes, and to always check for motorcyclists. Motorcyclists, be sure to have your bikes ready for the season – which Steve Hunt at MaXXaMus Motorcycle Repair can help you with – and stay visible. Let's work together to make this spring a safe one for all riders and drivers in our communities!



Mark your calendars and get ready for a fun-filled day! The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual DuKane ABATE ABC - ABATE Bowling Classic is happening on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. This event is a fantastic way to support DuKane ABATE while having a great time with friends and fellow riders. Whether you're an experienced bowler or just want to show up for a good time, the ABATE Bowling Classic is the place to be. The event kicks off at 2pm at Bowlero in Glendale Heights and we have great sponsors of the event in Law Tigers, Wild Fire Harley-Davidson, Spider's Cycle Werks, Sycamore Speedway, and The Toy Shop & Motolounge. All proceeds from the event go toward DuKane ABATE's Downed Rider Budget, so come out, show your support, and let's roll for a cause! See Chris Newman's article for all of the details.

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, your DuKane ABATE Vice President/ Legislative Coordinator Randy Ramey and myself attended an event in Lemont for State Representative Nicole La Ha. It was a great opportunity to discuss the preservation of motorcyclists' freedoms with her, State Representative Patrick Sheehan, and Illinois Senate Minority Leader State Senator John Curran. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, I also attended the American Legion Riders District Meeting in Elburn, Illinois at the request of Elburn American Legion Riders Director John Reece and spoke about the work that DuKane ABATE is doing for motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties. There was a lot of great interaction about getting involved in that work and lead to a request to come speak at the Elgin American Legion Riders Meeting. The work of outreach in our communities is never done and we're proud to do the work for motorcyclists.



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# President: Chris Hansen

DuKane ABATE is dedicated to creating a safer, more connected community for motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane counties. We invite all riders to become more involved, support our efforts, and help us make a difference. Be sure to join us on March 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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 hope that you all have great St. Patrick's Day, and I look forward to seeing you all at our ABC – ABATE Bowling Classic!

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

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## Something you should know about: DuKane ABATE

Hi DuKane,

The picture below was taken at our February meeting. If you are wondering it was one of our members who was the cool one riding at this time of year. The picture can help us all remember not everyone stops riding when it gets cold. And, not everyone holds off until Spring to start riding.

It can also remind us not everyone in DuKane ABATE rides a motorcycle. There are several cars in the lot as well. That's a good thing. We get to hear ideas from folks who may have a different point of view on the road, literally. We also need to remember there are other groups who are interested or concerned about many of the same things we are. Think about the off road riders of all types, riders of bikes different from what is in your garage. Many of the political stances ABATE takes have effects that reach far beyond motorcycle riders. Even things like lane splitting and filtering can have an effect on others not on a bike.

As the warmer weather arrives it might be a good time to invite a friend, relative, neighbor or a coworker to come to our March Meeting to see how what ABATE does has a positive effect on what they are involved in. Who knows, they may even decide to join.



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HELLO ALL!

**As we approach ABATE Legislative Day in Springfield, there are a few items we are keeping an eye on. HB2980 (Safety Training) and HB3783 (Require Helmets) are highest on the list. At this moment both are in discussions so an alert may be coming shortly. Be ready to contact your legislators! Primary elections have happened so now we are gearing towards April 1. Early voting in Kane County will start March 7 at the Kane County Clerk's Office in Geneva and the Aurora Satellite Office (Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM). All other early voting sites will start March 17. DuPage County early voting starts at all early voting sites March 17. Make a plan to vote! This election affects your wallet the most!**



## GOVERNOR'S HIGHLIGHTS:

A joint session of the Illinois General Assembly convened on Wednesday to hear Governor Pritzker's seventh Budget and State of the State address. Leading off the speech were highlights of the administration's achievements to date: reducing more than \$12 billion in debt; boosting the rainy-day fund to over \$2 billion; improving the state's pension-funded ratio; and receiving nine upgrades in the state's credit ratings. The Governor also cited education, healthcare, public safety, infrastructure, and job creation as areas the state has made ongoing investments in. This budget proposal, said Pritzker, involves "hard sacrifices and moderated spending" and that there are "no magic bean fixes." He warned that "if you come to the table looking to spend more – I'm going to ask you where you want to cut."

The Governor also expressed grave concerns about the current political climate under the Trump administration. Pritzker -- who is Jewish and was instrumental in the construction of the state's Holocaust museum -- drew parallels between the rapid rise of Nazism in Germany and the actions of President Trump and his supporters. Pritzker warned, "It took the Nazis one month, three weeks, two days, eight hours and 40 minutes to dismantle a constitutional republic. All I'm saying is when the five-alarm fire starts to burn, every good person better be ready to man a post with a bucket of water if you want to stop it from raging out of control." These portions of the speech did not go unchallenged; following the speech, Republican Representative Jeff Kiecher rose on the floor to denounce the Governor's remarks as offensive.

**FY 26 Proposed Budget:** In laying out his spending plan for FY26, Pritzker proposed an All Funds appropriation of \$129.4 billion, including \$53.9 billion in General Funds (this is an increase of \$1.3 billion, or nearly 2.5% GRF, over FY 25 estimated spending). Note that the revised FY 25 estimated spending assumes Spring supplemental appropriations and transfers of \$650 million. The spending plan being laid out for FY 26 has a \$218 million budgetary surplus, with \$154 million reserved in the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Of the FY26 spending increase, about 75% goes to four areas: the Evidenced Based Funding Formula (\$350 million); base pension expenditures (\$436 million); and medical expenditures at two agencies -- HFS (\$397 million) and CMS (\$341 million). A number of other funding areas are considered priorities as well, including early childhood education and child care funding, higher education, health and human services, public safety and violence prevention, growing the economy and investing in the workforce, and environmental, natural, and cultural resources.

**FY 26 Revenue Estimates:** While previous projections placed the state in a \$3.16 billion deficit position, the latest budget forecast offers a more encouraging figure, placing base revenues at about \$1.5 billion higher than was expected in November. But caution is called for, the Governor advised, noting that despite the good news, significant economic uncertainty remains: "Our spending must reflect reality. We have to live within our means."

Overall, the FY 26 budget assumes \$55.3453 billion in general revenue, representing a \$1.553 billion, or 2.9% increase from revised FY 25 estimates. An upgrade was seen in the revenue forecast for the current fiscal year. It has been revised to \$53.9 billion, equating to a \$421 million increase from last November's forecast.

Honoring his pledge to use tax increases only as a last resort, the Governor's proposed budget calls for no income, sales or small business tax boosts. In part because of expectations that the US economy will grow at a slower pace, Pritzker's budget plan for state source revenues assumes a modest 1.9% growth in base revenue.



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## FY 26 Revenue Estimates continued:

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget has outlined estimates for various taxes. Specifically, it projects individual income taxes will grow \$980 million (3.5%); corporate taxes will see a \$353 million (7.2%) bump; and sales tax will increase \$171 million (1.6%) in FY26. The budget plan also assumes new revenue through:



- Implementing a Delinquent Tax Payment Incentive Program (\$198 million)
- Pausing the final shift of state sales taxes on motor fuel purchases to the Road Fund (\$171 million)
- Realigning the tax treatment for table and economic games at casinos (\$100 million)

All revenue enhancements will require substantive approval by the General Assembly.

Also on the table: closing the budget gap by upping various government efficiencies. Among them:

- Repealing obsolete boards and commissions
- Further consolidating the 767 separate fund accounts in the State Treasury
- Merging the Coroner Training Board into IDPH
- Integrating DHS's Mental Health and Substance Use Prevention and Recovery divisions
- Realigning procurement expertise and resources for maximum savings and effectiveness

**Healthcare and Family Services:** The HFS budget includes a \$300 million increase to fully annualize the costs of Medicaid rate increases and programmatic changes enacted last year. Also requested: \$191.8 million for comprehensive behavioral health services integrated with physical healthcare; \$132.8 million to continue the Pathways to Success Program; \$15 million for the Medical Debt Relief Pilot Program; \$27.7 million to develop an in-state network of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities; and \$132 million for the Health Benefits for migrant Seniors Program. Note that the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults is not funded in the proposed budget.

**Human Services:** The Department of Human Services Budget includes \$20 million for a \$0.50/hour rate increase for Direct Service Providers (effective January 1, 2026) and \$105 million for the Home Services Program for caseload growth. Also being proposed is dedicated funding for 9-8-8 services; \$2.5 million for a 2% COLA for inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment services; \$34 million to sustain substance abuse treatment and prevention services and to meet new Maintenance of Effort requirements; and \$7.5 million for a 3% COLA for TANF cash assistance.

**Children and Family Services:** Funding is also being sought for 100 new positions at the agency; \$17 million to help DCFS providers maintain a competitive wage; a \$4.8 million increase for DCFS's scholarship program; and funding for the Illinois Connect case management system.

**Public Health:** IDPH's proposed budget includes an additional \$6 million for the Office of Health Care Regulation (to ensure that healthcare facilities are compliant with state and federal regulations); \$450,000 for the CNA Intern Program; and \$250,000 for the Certified Medication Aide Program. Maintenance funding is being requested for an array of efforts, including to support reproductive health (with \$10 million for a navigation hotline); grants for freestanding reproductive healthcare clinics (\$2 million); a learning and training collaborative for providers (\$5 million); and birth equity initiatives (\$4 million). Funding is also maintained for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Programs, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, and response efforts for unexpected public health threats and emergencies.

**Aging:** In-home providers would see a rate boost under the Governor's proposed budget, as it includes a \$144.44 million increase for the Community Care Program – which would also allow for utilization and caseload growth. Also scheduled for increases under the budget plan are the Home-Delivered Meals Program (\$8 million); senior services in rural areas (\$800,000); and the Adult Protective Services program (\$2.2 million).

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## FY 26 Revenue Estimates continued:

**K – 12 Education Funding:** For FY26, the Governor is proposing the mandatory \$350 million increase for the Evidence-Based Funding Formula, thus bringing the EBF program to \$8.9 billion. Also included is a \$19.9 million increase (total of \$1.2 billion) in categorical grants; funding for the third year of the Teacher Vacancy Grant Pilot Program (\$45 million); and monies for the Computer Science Equity Grant Program(\$3 million) Being sought as well is \$15 million for the Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare Workforce Program, continued financial support for dual-credit and non-credit workforce grants at community colleges, and \$3 million to expand the Common App for admissions.



**Higher Education:** Under the requested appropriations, MAP funding would see a \$10 million increase (\$721.6 million total), while community colleges would realize a \$9 million increase and public universities are earmarked to get \$47 million more than last year.

**Early Childhood Education:** As Smart Start Illinois heads into its third year of investments, funding requests include \$21.7 million in operational monies for the Illinois Department of Early Childhood, \$748 million to maintain ISBE Early Childhood Block Grant funding; \$200 million for the Early Childhood Workforce Compensation Contracts; an additional \$85 million for expected increased participation in the Child Care Assistance Program; \$3.3 million to expand the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and \$10 million to support Early Intervention provider rate increases.

**Home Illinois:** To help stabilize and assist the unhoused, the FY26 budget is seeking \$282.7 million for the Home Illinois program. Among the recipients of the allocation would be the One System Initiative for shelters (\$91.5 million); supportive housing, homelessness prevention, shelter diversions, addressing racial disparities and access to counsel (\$62.3 million); court-based rental assistance (\$50 million); emergency and transitional housing (\$42 million); Rapid Rehousing services (\$25 million); and the Home Illinois Workforce Pilot Project (\$6 million)

**Violence Prevention:** Violence prevention -- including reducing gun violence -- receives attention under Pritzker's FY26 budget proposal. Some \$40 million would go to maintain the programs and services of the Reimagine Public Safety Act while \$180 million is earmarked for the Restore, Reinvest and Renew Program; \$4 million would be directed to statewide capacity building grants at CJIA; the Adult Redeploy and Diversion Programs would receive \$13 million; \$16.3 million would help support Community-Based Violence Prevention Programs; and \$10 million would go to law enforcement agencies' co-responder pilot program.

**Pensions:** The budget proposal also reflects full payment (\$10.6 billion) of the FY26 certified pension contribution, while an additional \$78 million would address the Tier 2 wage base.

## Other Highlights:

- \$5.4 million to support two new ISP cadet classes
- \$1.3 million for the Safe2Help program
- \$1 million for expenses related to in-car and body-worn cameras
- \$35 million for Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grants
- \$14 million for electric vehicle rebates
- \$4.6 million increase to expand the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program
- \$5 million to fund the Grocery Initiative
- \$20 million for Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program
- \$10 million for the Federal Grant Support Program (offering funding to local governments and businesses competing in federal grant efforts)

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## FY 26 Revenue Estimates continued:

**Capital Plan:** The proposed FY 26 budget includes \$52.6 billion in total capital appropriations. The proposed capital plan re-appropriated \$3 billion of bonded capital investments and includes \$915 million in new bond authorization (including \$500 million for an expanded Site Readiness Program). Over half of these funds would go to transforming state-owned properties—like the former women’s prison in Dwight or mental-health and disabled-care facilities in Rockford and Lincoln—into sites for new private development.



New funding in the capital spending plan would also see: \$300 million for the new Surplus to Success program at CMS; \$150 million for demolition and remediation of non-surplus, unused state property at CDB; \$200 million for expanded site readiness programs at DCEO; \$140.2 million for continued economic and workforce development projects at DCEO; \$65 million for DoIT to upgrade IT systems related to electronic health records at DOC and DHS; and \$60 million for DNR to continue improvement of Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park.

In an effort “to make life more affordable for working families and everyday Illinoisans,” Governor Pritzker also introduced new proposals addressing such areas as lowering prescription drug costs and improving access to affordable education.

**Affordable Drug Costs:** Citing a need to rein in “the unfair practices of PBMs, reduce drug costs for Illinois patients, and protect independent pharmacists,” the Governor called for passage of the Prescription Drug Affordability Act. Such a measure, he said, also gives full statutory authority to the Illinois Department of Insurance to examine the financials and records of PBMs and require them to submit to annual reporting and auditing.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Governor hosted a roundtable to discuss ways to lower prescription drug costs. The event was closed to the press.

**Health Insurance Reforms:** Additional health insurance reforms were requested by Pritzker. These include banning prior authorization for all behavioral healthcare and requiring insurers to reimburse rural Illinoisians for travel costs associated with medical appointments (when the distance traveled to medical providers exceeds network adequacy requirements).

**Affordable Housing:** With an eye to increasing access to affordable housing, the Governor is requesting reforms to financing, attracting capital, incentivizing builders, and eliminating unnecessary barriers to housing construction.

**Public University Direct Admission Program:** Pritzker also called on the General Assembly to approve the Public University Direct Admission Program Act, allowing students to know -- before they apply -- if they qualify for admission to the state’s public universities.

**Community College Baccalaureate Program:** Another proposal in the FY26 budget plan would allow some community colleges to offer four-year baccalaureate degrees to make them more accessible to working adults, particularly those not near a public university. Requiring approval from both the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, the initiative would let community colleges provide programs in subjects where the local workforce has unmet needs.

**Screen-Free Schools:** Requiring all school districts to adopt a policy banning cell phone use during classroom instruction was addressed in the Governor’s Wednesday message. The ban on cell phones is geared towards improving student achievement, social interaction, and mental health.

**Township Consolidation:** Simplifying the way voters reduce or eliminate township government through petition was also addressed by Pritzker, who suggested that cities or counties could provide services more cost-effectively. Illinois currently has 1,425 townships, collectively levying over \$750 million in property taxes annually.

The proposal would lower the signature threshold needed for a ballot measure to eliminate or consolidate township governments – no longer requiring 10% of registered voters but rather, just 5% of voters in the most recent township election. The plan would also let county boards initiate a countywide referendum on the abolition of townships. Too, for counties with fewer than 5,000 people, the initiative would transfer the duties of township assessors to the respective county, thereby eliminating those positions.

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**Budget Reaction:** Reaction to the Governor's budget was mixed and underscores the spending pressures the General Assembly and the Governor face in crafting the final FY 26 budget.



Speaker Welch, as a guest on a radio show that aired live just before the Governor's speech, predicted "You're going to see spending that matches our revenues based on priorities that we have as Illinoisans. It's a responsible and compassionate budget. And that's what we as a caucus are guided by."

Senate President Don Harmon felt that "... [It was a speech for our moment ... We have our work cut out for us, not just balancing Illinois' budget, but also doing what we can to protect democracy. I applaud the governor for his leadership and look forward to working with him on our shared goals of assembling a balanced, responsible budget and building a better Illinois."

Senate Republican Leader John Curran issued a statement saying: " ... Gov. Pritzker has once again increased government spending, introducing a record-breaking \$55.4 billion taxpayer-funded budget. His plan raises state spending by an astonishing 37 percent since he took office ... [This plan] relies on the same gimmicks and job-killing taxes that hurt Illinois' growth. We remain committed to standing up for taxpayers by demanding accountability and responsible spending to protect vital services throughout this year's budget process."

Echoing Curran's sentiment, House Republican Leader Tony McCombie offered that, "Illinois families deserve an honest and transparent government – not one that increases spending by \$2 billion and masks a \$3.2 billion deficit on paper, setting taxpayers up for a potential tax hike on May 31. [This budget proposal] won't grow our tax base; it will continue to punish businesses and hardworking Illinoisans."

At a Black Caucus press conference after the budget address, Representative Carol Ammons said, "What I am clear about is that at this very moment, I'm a no vote on the budget ... I work for the poor people of my district and my state, and our people are under attack and for them, not to even mention what is happening in our communities, not even the slightest mention, is an insult to this entire Black community. ... Be willing to say no."

Other Black Caucus members were more supportive of the Governor's spending plan. Senator Elgie Sims, the Senate Democrats chief budget negotiator, said Pritzker's proposal is a "great first step."

Representative Terra Costa Howard, Chair of the House New Democrats Caucus (a coalition of moderate House Democrats) expressed her group's reaction, "We are especially pleased that this budget proposal keeps spending almost flat while increasing K-12 funding by \$350 million, boosting funding to our public universities, and investing in economic growth and jobs ... We look forward to working closely with the executive branch to craft a thoughtful, workable final budget."

Comptroller Mendoza also weighed in, opining that, "... there is a lot to like in the Governor's proposed budget. We protect the Rainy Day Fund; maintain our core responsibilities to schools, health care and public safety without starting costly new programs; and the proposed budget calls for NO tax hikes."

Representative Lisa Hernandez, chair of the Democratic party, praised the budget plan and predicted: "Democrats across the state will work together to continue improving our finances and invest in budget priorities that move Illinois forward, all while working to protect Illinoisans from a harmful Trump agenda."

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce expressed its stance: "Governor JB Pritzker presented an optimistic outlook for the Illinois economy during his budget address; however, several fiscal concerns remain unaddressed. [We support] commitments to long-term structural fiscal stability, a strong education system, and forward-thinking investments that promote business growth and new investments in the Land of Lincoln – all with no new taxes."

The Senate Progressive Caucus noted that, "In the coming months, we vow to fight for a fair and equitable budget — one that ensures a high quality of life for all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, religion, disability or sexual orientation ... Our commitment to leveling the playing field and protecting our most vulnerable populations remains unshakeable."

I wonder where the democrats learned math? If you walk in the door with a \$3 billion deficit and you increase spending by \$2 billion....**where does the extra money come from?**



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## 103rd ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly resumed this week. February 25 – 27 (Tuesday through Thursday).

A replacement has been announced for retiring Senator Dan McConchie. Darby Hills – a former Cook County Prosecutor and current Barrington Hills Village Trustee -- was selected by local Republicans, beating out Representative Marty McLaughlin, Ela Township Trustee Tosi Ufodike, and Long Grove Trustee Chris Borawski. Hills is expected to be sworn into office by Friday, will fill out the remainder of McConchie's term and then run for election in 2026.



A lawsuit by Thomas DeVore, a failed 2022 Attorney General candidate, challenges Hills' selection, claiming Hills is not a Republican and therefore cannot serve as McConchie's replacement. The lawsuit references state law, which requires appointees to legislative vacancies to be from the same party and outlines ways to prove partisanship, none of which DeVore claims Hills has done.

The lawsuit prompted local Republicans to revisit the appointment process. They will meet again this Friday afternoon "to ensure that there can be no question as to whether the process we followed properly empowered the Committee to act to fill the vacancy in this Office."

Relations are improving within the House Republican caucus. Leader McCombie restored the privileges of the House Freedom Caucus, including appointments to committee leadership roles and access to staff and other resources. Serving as Republican Spokespersons are: Representative Adam Niemerg on the House Immigration and Human Rights Committee; Representative Chris Miller on the Economic Opportunity & Equity Committee; Representative Brad Halbrook on the Counties & Townships Committee; and Representative Blaine Wilhour on the Appropriations – Elementary & Secondary Education Committee.

## 2025 Spring Session Key Dates and Deadlines:

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

## OTHER NEWS:

**Executive Order:** Governor Pritzker issued [Executive Order 2025-01](#), which reorganizes the Department of Human Services by consolidating the Division of Mental Health and Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery into the new Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, effective July 1, 2025. Read more [here](#).

**New Laws:** Governor Pritzker signed [HB 587](#) which represents the mini energy omnibus passed during the January lame-duck session. The new law makes Illinois more attractive for renewable energy developers, creates an ICC workshop process intended to guide a future battery storage procurement, and establishes labor and workforce diversity provisions for transmission projects. Also requires yearly updates to Solar for All income eligibility (instead of every five years).

**Innovation Voucher Program:** The awarding of \$2.3 million (embodied in 35 awards) has been announced by Governor Pritzker and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The funding comes through the Innovation Voucher Program, aimed at promoting small business growth and fostering transformative collaborations across Illinois. In addition, the Governor revealed that an additional \$2.6 million in grant funding will be available for the second round of the IVP. Recipients will be chosen based on a competitive application process. Read more [here](#).



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## OTHER NEWS continued:

**Gubernatorial Appointments:** Governor Pritzker has announced that:

- Rocco Zuccherro will serve as a member of the Illinois Racing Board.
- Janice Glenn will continue to serve as a member of the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

**Chicago School Board:** Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson named Cydney Wallace as his final appointee to the Chicago School Board. An employee of the City Clerk's office, Wallace is also a board member for the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.

**Thank you and ride safe!**  
**Randy**



# Webmaster/Public Relations: Nathan Klapatch

Hey everyone,

Things are starting to back into gear this year. We had our first meeting of the year in February, and the attendance was nice. We even had somebody who brought his motorcycle to the meeting, which is saying something because it was less than 10 degrees Fahrenheit at the time! I'm sure we'll have plenty more members filling the parking lot with bikes later this spring.

We'll also be having our first big event in the spring, with our ABATE Bowling Classic fundraiser. It's coming up on March 16th, and as usual, we'll be gathering together to have fun bowling and raise money for the Downed Rider Fund. We'll have members of other ABATE chapters there, too, so you may be able to catch up with some folks around the area.

During that same week, ABATE of Illinois has its annual Legislative Day in Springfield, more specifically on March 19th. Once again, we'll be gathering from all 4 corners of Illinois to the state capitol to speak with legislators about bills relating to motorcycling. In addition, we will have our reception in the evening and allow legislators to join us for a night of fun! With this event in mind, we have moved our membership meeting to March 11th so that attendees can attend both easily, rather than having to choose between missing the membership meeting and losing some sleep traveling to Springfield. Since I've missed a couple of meetings due to the timing of the Legislative Day in the past, I'm happy to have it on another day, and I'm sure others will feel the same way.

Speaking of politics, even though the general election is done, there are local elections coming up in April 1st. No, this is not an April Fools joke; this is an opportunity to choose who governs local forms of government. More specifically, this election is for townships, school districts, and cities which usually determine rules, taxes, and funding over small geographic areas. History is written by people who show up, and a lot of people don't show up for local election voting. That, along with the relatively small size of local government bodies, means that you'll have more voting power in local elections than you would in a general election. So now is a good time to start searching who is running in your area or serving as a government official already. This way, you'll have some time to figure out whom you're eligible to vote for and who deserves your vote.

With all this in mind, I look forward to seeing you in the not-so-distant future.

Nathan Klapatch







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**MONTHLY  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

**MARCH 11, 2025**

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**7:30PM**

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# Secretary: Amy Nelson



**DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois**  
Membership Meeting Date: 02/18/2025  
**AGENDA**



TIME Meeting Starts: 7:30pm  
Attendance:

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

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

**New Members Welcome!**

**Names of New Members:** \_Anthony Van Sky

## 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)**

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**President** – Chris Hansen

Not Present

**Vice President/Legislative** – Randy Ramey

There are elections coming up. February 25th is a primary for the Democrats including for Aurora Mayor and Lisle Township. There will be local elections on April 1st. Tomorrow, 2/29, Governor Pritzker will be giving the State of the State Address. HB3783 Opposed and HB1747 HB6980 Amended Supported Il vehicle code amended to require valid DL to register vehicle. Would prevent new riders from getting plates for motorcycle.

**Membership** – Mark Garrison

Not present.

**BOD State Representative** – Kley Abel

The State BOD Meeting was canceled. Of particular interest are **HB3783**, a HELMET BILL **Opposed**, **HB2980 CYCLE RIDER SAFETY-VARIOUS** - The Cycle Rider Safety Training Act **Supported**

**HB1747** - The Illinois Vehicle Code amendment requires applicants for motor vehicle registration to present a valid driver's license, which may help prevent unlicensed riders from registering motorcycles. BOD, what do you think?  
**Support Yes or No**

# Secretary: Amy Nelson

## 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

The first motorcycle fatality of the year occurred on January 17th. We need to find a way to get into more schools to make presentations.

## 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

## Motion Made IF ANY:

**Name of Person that Made the Motion:** Motion made by Phil Kraft membership meeting notes from December.

**Second Made by:** Motion seconded by Leroy Flint

**Motion Info:** Motion approved the notes from December's meeting. (Note: There was no January 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 Mike Pulis. \_

**Motion Info:** Motion adjourns meeting.

Yes: Unanimous No: None **Motion Carried??** Yes

There was a reminder of the March Meeting date being changed to March 11th as Members were leaving.

## Adjourn Meeting

TIME ADJOURNED? 8:15pm

## A Raffle was held after the meeting

Who Won 50/50? \_\$48 was won by Steve Waltz who donated it to the Downed Rider Fund.



# Webmaster/Public Relations: Nathan Klapatch

Hey everyone,

Things are starting to back into gear this year. We had our first meeting of the year in February, and the attendance was nice. We even had somebody who brought his motorcycle to the meeting, which is saying something because it was less than 10 degrees Fahrenheit at the time! I'm sure we'll have plenty more members filling the parking lot with bikes later this spring.

We'll also be having our first big event in the spring, with our ABATE Bowling Classic fundraiser. It's coming up on March 16th, and as usual, we'll be gathering together to have fun bowling and raise money for the Downed Rider Fund. We'll have members of other ABATE chapters there, too, so you may be able to catch up with some folks around the area.

During that same week, ABATE of Illinois has its annual Legislative Day in Springfield, more specifically on March 19th. Once again, we'll be gathering from all 4 corners of Illinois to the state capitol to speak with legislators about bills relating to motorcycling. In addition, we will have our reception in the evening and allow legislators to join us for a night of fun! With this event in mind, we have moved our membership meeting to March 11th so that attendees can attend both easily, rather than having to choose between missing the membership meeting and losing some sleep traveling to Springfield. Since I've missed a couple of meetings due to the timing of the Legislative Day in the past, I'm happy to have it on another day, and I'm sure others will feel the same way.

Speaking of politics, even though the general election is done, there are local elections coming up in April 1st. No, this is not an April Fools joke; this is an opportunity to choose who governs local forms of government. More specifically, this election is for townships, school districts, and cities which usually determine rules, taxes, and funding over small geographic areas. History is written by people who show up, and a lot of people don't show up for local election voting. That, along with the relatively small size of local government bodies, means that you'll have more voting power in local elections than you would in a general election. So now is a good time to start searching who is running in your area or serving as a government official already. This way, you'll have some time to figure out whom you're eligible to vote for and who deserves your vote.

With all this in mind, I look forward to seeing you in the not-so-distant future.

Nathan Klapatch



# Education and Safety; Steve Waltz

Happy February DuKane.

Twenty-four days until Spring as I write this. Keep good thoughts that the weather will finally improve. With riding season fast approaching now is a good time to make sure your bike is ready for the road. It will be here before you know it I am really looking forward to getting some wind therapy as soon as possible just need that salt off the road.

We are busy back in schools with the final semester of this school year and have begun booking presentations for summer school. So far this year we have had one motorcycle fatality in Illinois. While that is a better number than past years it is still one to many. If you are out on the road already, please keep your eyes open and ride safe.

Steve Waltz  
Safety and Education



## Membership: Mark Garrison

Thanks for renewing:

Phil Taylor, Butch Hendricks, Jim Packard, Nathan, Klapatch, Brian Gardner, Brian Shadiow, Corinne Pierog, Kathy Flores, Jackie Morris, Mark and Linda Garrison, Cindy Wuerfl, John Reece, Najib Atiyeh, Joe Marola, Darryl Kirkland, Mark "Falcon" Maltese, Chuck Ingersoll, Chris Hansen, Thomas Miller, John Mihelich, Paul Sabourin, Michael Slusarz, Dennis Stauber, Mitch and Leigh Ann Oberauf, Jenny Halsey



Expiring or Expired Members:

Robert Knorrek, Gomer Johanson, Kurt Madsen, Greeley Koch, Tom Scott, George and Michelle Overdorff, Rex and Barbara Lenegir, David and Ina Gursky, Jim Packard, Noel Weston, Steve Waltz, Steven Verive, Scott Posson, David Morton, Sue Kalfus, Greg Galeles, James Beck, Kermit Dodson, Tim and Terry Phelps, Chris and Dawn Mulvihill, Thomas Iaccretti, Jerry Drallmeier, Buzz Walneck, John and Dana Scherer, Mark Rice, Amanda Dawson, Bob and Nancy Morrison, Peter Welch, David Sobol, Seth Lewis, and Jeffery James.

Did you know you can renew online at [abate-il.org](http://abate-il.org), or [dukaneabateit.org](http://dukaneabateit.org), or better yet, come to a meeting, 3rd Tuesday of the month at the American Legion in West Chicago at 7:30pm. Come early and enjoy the Legion's Taco Tuesday.

And now for some funny shit. It's been around for a long time, but always fun to revisit.  
(Editors note: It's on the next page.)

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

# Membership: Mark Garrison

**See This?** - It's at least twice as big as yours.



**Get back in your own lane** - or I'll kick the shit out of your door!



**Slow Down** - Cops Ahead!



**You wanna go?** - I'll take on the whole cage load of you mother fuckers



**That's it** - Watch for flying spark plugs!



**Get off the road!** - Where did you get your license, a box of fucking cracker jacks?



**Youch!** - Shouldn't have had that chili at the rest stop!



**Hey Asshole!** - it's my light, you fucker, get your ass through the intersection!



**Hey There!** - glad to see a fellow Brother of the Order of Two Wheels



**You Asshole!** - learn how to drive, why don't you?!



**Fuck You!** - and stay the hell off your cell phone!



**Spank your kids!** - or leave them at home if they can't behave in the back seat!



**Back off!** - I've got two spark plugs -- you only have one windshield



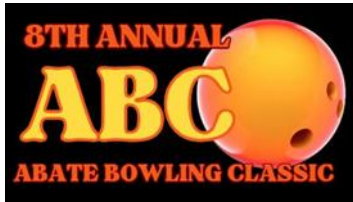
**Hey, Baby!** - Wanna play some grab-ass?







## 8th ANNUAL ABATE BOWLING CLASSIC



Can you feel it? 2025 is going to be a great year for DuKane ABATE! Mark your calendars for our first DuKane event of the year, our ABC – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual ABATE Bowling Classic on March 16th. It is being held at the Bowelro on North Avenue in Glendale

Heights.

You do not need to be an avid good bowler to participate and have fun, I sure am not. Bring your friends and family for an afternoon full of fun! Have a great time for a great cause. Pre-register online today at

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



A mere \$20 gets you in. It covers 2 games and shoe rental. If you are feeling competitive, join the 9 pin no tap tournament for an additional \$10. Trophies are provided by Steve Graef and The Law Tigers. Lots of great door prizes provided by The Toy Shop and Motolounge, Sycamore Speedway, Wildfire Harley Davidson, and Spiders Cycles. The DuKane ABATE Santa Girls 50/50 raffle will going on as well. See you there!





### ABATE OF ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE DAY



Later that week on Wednesday March 19th, join us at the State Capital for Legislative Day! Come down to Springfield and see how the sausage is made. Let your voices be heard! There is power in numbers. This is why we do what we do. You get the chance to politely engage with your Legislators and share with them our concerns as motorcyclists. Let's show our State Representatives that ABATE is a voting block that is to be reckoned with. Ask our Legislative coordinator Randy Ramey or myself for details.



### WILL COUNTY ABATE WINTER TRIATHLON



Sunday March 9th is the Will County ABATE 2025 Winter Triathlon! Stop by Zelmors in Joliet, between 11:00 and 11:45 to register, and let the games begin. Only \$15 gets you an afternoon of food and fun. Test your skills at pool, bags, and darts. This event has always been a great time for everyone. See the attached flier for details.

### ABATE INFORMATION BOOTH VOLUNTEERS

We need your help representing DuKane A.B.A.T.E. at many events this summer. Help us spread the good word of who A.B.A.T.E. is, what A.B.A.T.E. does, and why A.B.A.T.E. does it! Please volunteer to participate on April 13th at Walneck's Swap Meet in Woodstock and for Motorcycle Sunday on May 4th in

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know when you are available.

### 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DUKANE ABATE TOY AND FOOD RUN



No time better than the present to be getting our ducks in a row. The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run is a mere 8 months away. Be sure Sunday October 12 is on your calendar as this is a mandatory attendance event. We are pleased to announce the entertainment for this year. We have book REPEAT OFFENDERS for the Knuckleheads Stage and ANTHEM for the Sycamore Speedway Stage!





## Events: Chris Newman

We still have several key roles fill for our 39th 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.

Emeritus Judy Kaenal to contact, recruit, and coordinate various Toy Run vendors.

**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!

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

Flat Out Friday  
Fireserv Forum, Milwaukee, WI

Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00PM

Mama Tried Motorcycle Show  
Eagles Ballroom, Milwaukee, WI

Sat. and Sun. February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM

Northern Illinois ABATE Chili Cook-off  
Wauconda American Legion Post 911, Wauconda, IL

Saturday March 1st 6:00PM

8<sup>th</sup> Annual DuKane ABATE Bowling Classic (ABC)  
Bowlers, Glendale Heights, IL

Sunday March 16th 2:00PM

## Events: Chris Newman

8<sup>th</sup> Annual DuKane ABATE Bowling Classic (ABC) Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM  
Bowlero, Glendale Heights, IL

ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM  
Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Springfield, IL

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Heartland STEAM Fri. – Sat. April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf IA

Biker Sunday Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM  
Warehouse Church, Aurora, IL

Motorcycle Awareness Day Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM  
BP Gas Station Rt38 and RT 47, Elburn IL Du-  
Page Honda, West Chicago, IL

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Woodstock, IL

Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00AM  
Grundy County Fairgrounds, Morris, IL

DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM  
Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL

9<sup>th</sup> Annual SETHtastic Motorcycle Run Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM  
Location TBD

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for John-REMEMBER US ALL Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00AM  
Alley 64, St. Charles, IL

Elburn Days Parade Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM  
Elburn Community Center, Elburn, IL

39<sup>th</sup> Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM  
Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL  
Sycamore Speedway, Maple Park, IL



# Events: Chris Newman



## MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET STUFF

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

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

Sunday February 23rd, 9:00AM

Chicago World Of Wheels Cyclorama  
ald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL

Fri. – Sun, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Don-

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 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM

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

Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00AM

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

Sunday June 22<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00AM

## Follow DuKane ABATE On Social Media



**Events: Chris Newman**



**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**



Events: Chris Newman

# March 7-9, 2025

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Events: Chris Newman

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FOR PRIZES

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SNACKS  
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GIVEAWAY

*Chris*  
**Wild Fire**  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON



*Villa Park, IL*

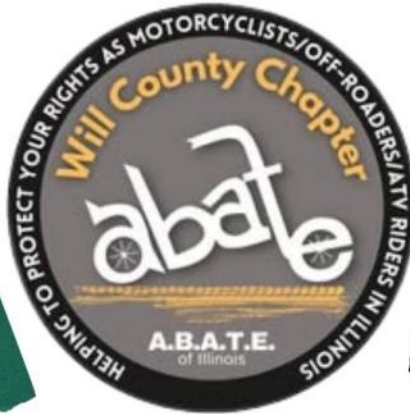
Mar 9 12-3pm  
Wild Fire Harley-Davidson  
120 W North Ave, Villa Park



# Will County A.B.A.T.E. 2025 Winter Triathlon

**\*\*Are you the STRONGEST? \*\* JOIN THE GAMES \*\***

**Make your winter workout worthwhile**



## Sunday - March 9th

### Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon

1117 Plainfield Rd (Route 30) - Joliet, IL

**Registration at 11:00am – Games begin at Noon**

**\$15 Entry Fee per person (\$5 pizza only)**

(includes pool, darts and bags plus pizza)

Prizes will be awarded based on number of Triathletes participating

Events: Chris Newman

**8TH ANNUAL**  
**ABC**  
**ABATE BOWLING CLASSIC**

**SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2025**  
**EVENT STARTS AT 2:00**  
**REGISTRATION OPENS 1:00**

**\$20 FOR 2 GAMES**  
**WITH SHOES**

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**A.B.A.T.E.**  
*OF Illinois*

**\$10 EXTRA TO**  
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**TOURNAMENT**  
**\$100 PRIZE**



*The*  
**Toy Shop**



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





**Events: Chris Newman**



**A.B.A.T.E.**



of  
Illinois

## **LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 19, 2025**

**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

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

[Legislative@abate-il.org](mailto:Legislative@abate-il.org)



Events: Chris Newman

# Jim Mays & Jen Pagel Benefit

**Who were in a Motorcycle Accident**

**Please Join Us to Support and Help**

**Saturday**

**March 22, 2025**

**Starts at 12:00**



**Donate Now**



**Eagles Lodge #593  
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**Silent Auction, Bake Sale  
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**MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET**

The LEGENDARY

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**Events: Chris Newman**

**EARLY BIRD PRICE- \$10/PERSON**  
**REGULAR HOURS PRICE- \$7/PERSON**



# **ABATE OF ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET**

**MARCH 16, 2025**  
**10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**  
**EARLY BIRD HOURS 8-10AM**

**ILLINOIS STATE FAIRGROUNDS**  
**ORR BUILDING**

**[WWW.ABATE-IL.ORG](http://WWW.ABATE-IL.ORG)**





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*A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa*

## **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Heartland STEAM** *A Seminar to Educate and Motivate* **April 4 & 5, 2025**

***Isle Casino Hotel – Bettendorf, IA***

Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf  
1800 Isle Parkway  
Bettendorf, IA 52722  
1-800-843-4753

Ask for ABATE25 For STEAM Room block.  
Room Rate \$120.00 per night Reservations #1-  
800-843-4753 **Reservation Cut-off Date: Friday,  
March 21, 2025**

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**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABATE/SMRO: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 on or before March 11th, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 fee after March 11th, 2025

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 Iowa**  
Eldora, IA 50627

P.O. Box 70

Questions and Credit Card Registration - call #641-858-5001 or email [abateia@heartofiowa.net](mailto:abateia@heartofiowa.net)

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**THE KAMPGROUND**

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**FRIDAY – MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**GATES OPEN AT NOON  
YARD GAMES & ACTIVITIES  
CORNHOLE BAG GAMES**

**SATURDAY – MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**FIELD GAMES  
RIDE TO VIETNAM  
VETERANS VIGIL**



**SUNDAY – MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>      RIDE TO THE  
FREEDOM RALLY IN SPRINGFIELD  
HUNDREDS OF BIKES FROM AROUND IL**

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18 & UP | NO ATTITUDES | B.Y.O.B.  
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TO CELEBRATE THE FREEDOMS  
OF THE ROAD WE ALL ENJOY**

*Presented by: Lincoln Land Chapter, ABATE of Illinois, Inc.*





Events: Chris Newman

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**Saturday, June 21, 2025**

**To Honor Our Fallen Heroes  
& to Support Our Troops**

**DONATION: \$20.00 per person (cash only)**

*Your generous donations will help with the cost for maintenance  
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**Start of the Run: GRUNDY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
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**BREAKFAST AVAILABLE 6:00 AM — 9:30 AM**

**LINE UP STARTS 6:00 A.M. DEPARTS @ 10:30 A.M.**

**CEREMONY AT MEMORIAL 12:00 P.M.**



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**ALL Participants: Please decorate your Bikes with the American Flag • Ride at Your Own Risk • Don't Drink and Ride**

**★★★★ Coolers with Alcohol ARE NOT PERMITTED in the Downtown Area ★★★★★**

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# THE 39TH ANNUAL DUKANE ABATE TOY AND FOOD RUN



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 12, 2025**

**DO NOT MISS YOUR CHANCE BE A PART OF THE BIGGEST  
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**REMEMBER - IT'S FOR THE KIDS**

**ALL TOY AND FOOD DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TO LOCAL  
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**BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY AND NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM**

**FULLY ESCORTED RIDE TO  
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**THIS IS AN ALL DAY HAPPENING! WE MEET AT KNUCKLEHEADS IN ELBURN, RT 47  
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**BURNOUT CONTEST,  
GREAT FOOD, VENDORS,  
REFRESHMENTS, 50/50,  
MOTORCYCLE PEOPLE  
FRIENDSHIP AND FUN**



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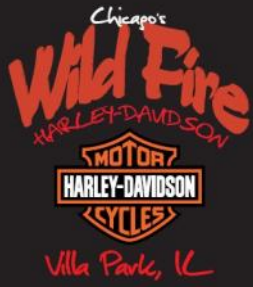
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