

From the President: Chris Hansen

Hello DuKane ABATE!

April is almost here, and that means it's Distracted Driving Awareness Month. We'd like to thank Illinois State Senator Seth Lewis for passing SR26 proclaiming April 2025 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. DuKane ABATE has worked well with Senator Lewis and we're glad to see resolutions like this coming from his office. We will continue to get out into our communities to bring awareness to motorcycle safety and our presence back out on the roads in DuPage and Kane Counties to get motorists to keep the distractions out of the driver's seat and to watch for motorcycles.



DuKane ABATE Vice President Randy Ramey, Events Officer Chris Newman, PR Officer Nathan Klapatch, Membership Officer Mark Garrison, Independent Representative John Bloch, Mike Slusarz, Lisa Mills, and I all had a great time at ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day. We spent the day speaking with Elected Officials from Kane and DuPage Counties about the freedoms we're trying to preserve for motorcyclists. There was also a lot of conversation around HB2980 and SB2075, which pertain to the Motorcycle Safety Riding Courses. We're proud to say that Senator Seth Lewis, Senator Don DeWitte, Senator Linda Holmes, Senator Cristina Castro, Senator Dave Syverson, Senator Sue Rezin, Representative Stephanie Kifowit, Representative Jennifer Sanalidro, Representative Diane Blair-Sherlock, Representative Dan



Ugaste, Representative Nicole La Ha, Representative Amy Grant, Representative Anna Moeller, Representative Barbara Hernandez, Representative Matt Hanson, Representative Jeff Keicher, and Representative Nabeela Syed are all sponsors or co-sponsors on these pieces of legislation. DuKane ABATE is proud to work with our Elected Officials to preserve the freedoms of motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties. We'd also like to thank our members that filed witness slips in opposition of HB1831, which would have given Counties the ability to regulate the sound on off-road vehicles. That bill has been stalled in the House.



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The 8th Annual DuKane ABATE ABC – ABATE Bowling Classic was a great success. We'd like to thank Bowlero for being gracious hosts and thank Law Tigers, Sycamore Speedway, Wild Fire Harley-Davidson, Winner's Circle Bar & Grill, The Toy Shop & Motolounge, and Spider's Cycle Werks for being great sponsors of the event. Congratulations to Mike Sobie, Jodi Peterson, and Mandy Daly for being the winners of the Open Bowling and to Mark "Falcon" Maltese, Don Hicks, and Jose Garcia for being the winners of the 9 Pin-No-Tap Tournament. It was a great day raising money for the DuKane ABATE Downed Riders Budget and we thank everyone who attended.

On March 17th, I attended an event for Vice President Randy Ramey who is running for re-election as Wayne Township Supervisor. Supervisor Ramey has worked with motorcyclists to preserve our freedoms, both locally and in the Statehouse, and I'm proud that he has the endorsement of ABATE of Illinois PAC. It was also good to see State Representative Jennifer Sanalitro and Addison Township Supervisor Dennis Reboletti, who also has the endorsement of ABATE of Illinois PAC, in attendance as well.

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 April 15th 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.

Get out and vote April 1st!

Until next month,
Ride Safe – Ride Free
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Hello All,

I believe we had a successful trip to Springfield. There were plenty of ABATE members from all around the state reaching out to their legislators. There was orange everywhere!



BILLS TO BE AWARE OF:

HB1831 CD-NUISANCE (REP. DAVE VELLA) Provides that each county shall have power to declare what are sound nuisances-On second reading in the House, still a problem, we oppose!

HB2980 RIDER SAFETY-VARIOUS (REP. STEPHANIE KIFOWIT) Amends the Cycle Rider Safety Training Act-On second reading, looks to be moving forward, we support!

We will see more when the Senate comes back in session.

104th ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly adjourned after a busy week of session. The House was in session Tuesday through Friday of last week. The Senate was in session Tuesday through Thursday; Friday's Senate Session was canceled. The House will reconvene March 25 – 28 (Tuesday through Friday) to begin considering legislation for final passage; the Senate is off for the week and returns Tuesday, April 1.

Yesterday was the deadline to pass substantive legislation out of committee in its first chamber. We will monitor potential deadline extensions.

The Senate moved numerous bills from 2nd to 3rd Reading on Thursday, including bills where sponsors had pledged to hold on 2nd Reading pending an amendment or further negotiations. The Senate President's office noted that this was done for "efficiency purposes."

Legislators spent long days in committee hearings this week, with a total of 1,387 bills passed out of committee. Of those, 866 Senate Bills were leader shell bills while 521 were substantive. Below are highlights from this week's committee action.

School boards must adopt a policy (by the 2026-2027 school year) prohibiting student use of wireless communication devices during instructional time under **SB 2427**(Castro), which the Senate Education Committee unanimously approved. This includes cell phones, computers, and smartwatches, but excludes school-issued or required educational devices. The policy must allow exceptions for medical reasons, IEPs, 504 plans, English learners, educational purposes approved by school personnel, and emergencies. Policies must be reviewed every three years and posted on the school board's website. The bill is an initiative of Governor JB Pritzker.

Also approved by the Senate Education Committee: **SB 71** (Murphy), which establishes a partnership between Local Emergency Planning Committees, the State Emergency Response Commission, schools, and school districts to address safety threats posed by the storage and transport of hazardous substances near schools. The measure provides requirements for a comprehensive emergency response plan and outlines the duties of the State Emergency Response Commission, which must work with Local Emergency Planning Committees and schools on planning and preparedness.

Yet another bill passing out of the Senate Education Committee (on a vote of 12-2) was **SB 1519** (Villa), which eliminates student ticketing for disciplinary actions.

On a partisan roll call, the House Insurance Committee approved **HB 1234** (Mayfield) which (as amended) requires the Secretary of State to study auto insurance rates and how they are set.

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SB 2156 (Ventura) seeks to reform the child incarceration process. A Child First Reform Task Force would be set up to review and recommend reforms to the juvenile justice system, focusing on training for courts and law enforcement, and integrating restorative practices. The bill prioritizes rehabilitation over punishment, aiming for a compassionate system that protects children's rights and addresses the consequences of criminalization. The measure passed the Senate Criminal Law Committee by a vote 6-2.



HB 3614 (Ammons) prohibits anyone from engaging in carbon sequestration activities within a sequestration facility that overlies, underlies, or intersects a sole-source aquifer. The goal: protecting the Mahomet Aquifer from contamination due to carbon sequestration. The House Energy and Environment Committee passed the bill 23-3. The Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee unanimously passed similar legislation, **SB 1723** (Faraci), as amended.

The House Executive Committee approved **HB 2374** (Cassidy) which addresses care of sexual assault survivors who present for treatment at a hospital. The sponsor pledged to continue working on the legislation to address the concerns of opponents including ICASA and IHA. Companion legislation -- **SB 1602** (Morrison) -- unanimously passed the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Increasing access to non-opioid prescription medication -- to avoid the addictiveness of prescription opioids -- is the aim of **SB 1238** (Villa), which the Senate Insurance Committee unanimously approved. Specifically, the bill would require health insurance providers to develop a plan for providing adequate coverage and access to non-opioid, non-narcotic and non-medication pain management services, which serve as an alternative to opioid and narcotic prescription drugs. Additionally, the measure would allow the Illinois Department of Public Health to publish an educational pamphlet regarding the use of non-opioid alternatives for pain management. Companion legislation, **HB 2852** (Yang Rohr) also unanimously passed the House Healthcare Availability and Accessibility Committee this week.

Requiring group or individual health insurance plans to cover all medically necessary FDA-approved treatments or medications to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease is the goal of **SB 126** (Murphy), which the Senate Insurance Committee unanimously approved. Proponents noted many available treatments are effective only in the early stages of the disease. All diagnostic testing (for a physician to determine the appropriate use of treatments or medications) must be covered.

The Illinois Junk Fee Ban Act would be created by **SB 1486** (Aquino) which passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on a vote of 6-3. Under the measure, businesses (like hotels, restaurants and live ticket companies) would be required to disclose all fees before the customer decides on the transaction. The bill excludes wholesale clubs, car rental companies, airlines and broadband or satellite internet companies.

Legislation creating the Homeschool Act -- **HB 2827**(Costa Howard) -- came under extensive debate in the House Education Policy Committee. The bill's sponsor testified that the measure would provide accountability, transparency, and protections for families who choose homeschooling. The bill: (1) requires families to submit a declaration form stating they are homeschooling; (2) allows the Department of Children and Family Services to verify the homeschooling declaration if there is a hotline call; (3) mandates that homeschooling families maintain an educational portfolio documenting their child's progress; and (4) requires regional education offices to collect certain data and report homeschooling numbers by region, grade, and gender to the General Assembly. Opponents criticized the legislation and argued that it applies not only to homeschoolers but also to private schools. The sponsor noted that she is working on another amendment. The bill passed the committee by a vote of 8-4-1. Read more [here](#).

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Phasing out the use of certain single use plastics statewide is the focus of two measures that passed out of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee. As amended, **SB 1531** (Fine) phases out single-use foam food ware; it passed the committee 7-2. Also getting a vote of 7-2 was **SB 1872** (Castro) which, as amended, phases out single-use plastic shopping bags at large retailers.



SB 2306 (Ventura) expands the scope of clean energy projects under the Climate Bank Loan Financing Act to include storm resilience, nature-based solutions, and water and climate risk mitigation.

This may include federal or other funds that can be used for clean water, drinking water, and wastewater treatment, or climate resilience projects. The Senate Executive Committee passed the measure unanimously.

HB 2982 (L. Hernandez), which amends the minimum wage law to eliminate the tipped credit on July 1, 2027, passed the House Executive Committee (on a vote of 8-4).

One of the Department of Insurance's initiatives advanced out of the House Insurance Committee this week on a partisan roll call. As amended, **HB 3799** (Morgan) strengthens the Department's existing data call enforcement authority. The bill also changes consumer notifications for policy cancellations, extending them from 30 days to 60 days. Finally, the bill allows DOI to issue separate climate surveys to Illinois companies if necessary. The sponsor expects negotiations to continue, and a floor amendment will be forthcoming.

Another initiative of DOI is **HB 3755** (Jones), prohibiting auto insurance companies from denying coverage for vehicle theft when there is no evidence of forcible entry. The bill passed the House Insurance Committee on a partisan roll call. A floor amendment is expected.

Overhauling how police execute search warrants is the focus of **HB 1611** (Buckner), which the House Judiciary Committee passed 8-5. Under the proposed legislation, officers would be required to knock, announce themselves, and wait at least 30 seconds for a response before entering a residence. Forced entry without this protocol would be permitted only in emergency situations or with judicial approval to prevent injury or other harm. Anjanette Young, whose home was wrongly searched by Chicago police six years ago, testified in support of the legislation.

The Senate Criminal Law Committee unanimously passed **SB 2323** (Morrison) which includes the development of a strategic plan to enhance the victim-centered, trauma-informed approach of law enforcement in responding to individuals who have been trafficked. The bill also calls for training standards to improve the detection, investigation, and response to human trafficking.

Increasing transparency and disclosure in the local government procurement process is the aim of **HB 3742** (Rita), unanimously approved by the House Executive Committee. The sponsor indicated that he would continue to work on the legislation.

Amendments including Governor Pritzker's proposed PBM reform package were filed on **HB 3705** (Manley) and **SB 1390** (Koehler). Both bills were scheduled for a hearing this week; HB 3705 in the House Executive Committee and SB 1390 in the Senate Insurance Committee. However, neither bill was considered by either committee this week.

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In other news, the “Care Can’t Wait” campaign – a coalition of seniors, care workers from SEIU Healthcare Illinois, the Alzheimer’s Association, and Addus Healthcare -- rallied at the State Capitol this week. Attendees called on the state legislature to increase the wage floor for home care workers serving seniors in the Community Care Program from \$18 per hour to \$20 per hour by 2026. The goal is to ensure seniors can access quality, affordable, and dignified care in the setting of their choice. Bills to enact the wage increase are pending in both chambers -- **HB 1330** (Canty) and **SB 120** (Villanueva).



2025 Spring Session Key Dates and Deadlines:

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

GOVERNOR’S HIGHLIGHTS:

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker launched a statewide "Standing Up for Illinois Tour" this week, to focus on the impacts that recent actions of the Trump Administration are having on Illinois. The tour kicked off in Champaign-Urbana, where Pritzker joined Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski at Sola Gratia Farm for a roundtable with farmers and environmental leaders affected by the loss of climate-smart agriculture funding.

Pritzker also met with laid-off workers at the University of Illinois Soybean Innovation Lab, which is set to close next month due to cuts to the federal USAID program. Additionally, the governor teamed up with Congresswoman Lauren Underwood in Romeoville to address the Department of Government Efficiency's impact on Social Security. Pritzker ended the week with a visit to Rockford to discuss mass transit and infrastructure projects, as well as a stop in Peoria to address Medicaid.

Staffing Updates: Two agency directors have been reappointed to their roles. Mary Killough will continue as Director of the Illinois Department on Aging, and Heidi Mueller will remain as Director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Get Covered Illinois: Get Covered Illinois, along with 18 other state-based health insurance marketplaces, issued a joint letter to Congressional leaders. Coordinated by the National Academy of State Health Policy (NAHSP), the letter emphasized the value of the enhanced premium tax credits set to expire at the end of this year and urged Congress to extend them because of their critical role in helping Americans afford health coverage. A record 24 million Americans, nearly 466,000 of whom are Illinoisans, enrolled in healthcare plans through the marketplaces for Plan Year 2025. Read the letter [here](#). More information is [here](#).

CEJA Grants Awarded: Some 88 awards totaling \$57 million have been announced by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grants include the Community Solar Energy Sovereignty Grant Program (\$7.7 million), Equitable Energy Future Grant Program (\$10.3 million), and Energy Transition Community/Zion Grant Program (\$39 million). These programs aim to boost energy efficiency, renewable energy projects, and support Illinois' clean energy workforce. Read more [here](#).

Community College Enrollment Surges: The 2025 Spring enrollment at Illinois Community Colleges has surged, increasing by 8.9% compared to the previous Spring semester. This increase is the largest Spring-to-Spring enrollment growth since the late 1990s when the Illinois Community College Board began collecting such data. Furthermore, this marks the third consecutive year of Spring enrollment increases, according to the state's latest **2025 Spring Enrollment Report**.

Vehicle Emissions Testing: The Illinois Vehicle Emissions Testing Program is undergoing several updates, according to The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Effective Monday, March 17, the Forest Preserve Drive location in Chicago will reopen. Also scheduled for that on that date was the launch of Mobile Testing Units, an updated multi-lingual website, and program updates shared via social media.

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OTHER NEWS:

Groups Call for Expanding Sales Tax to Services: A new report calls for the expansion of sales taxes to some services; the document was issued by the Civic Federation, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the Illinois Economic Policy Institute and the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. The report argues Illinois' tax structure is outdated and modernization would promote more fairness, and new revenue could help support essential services. Among the recommendations is that a service tax be imposed on a broad set of consumer services to comply with the Illinois Constitution's uniformity clause, which requires that taxes be consistently applied, with reasonable exemptions. Also suggested – working with local governments to avoid double taxation.



The groups suggest allocating the additional revenue to a number of areas, including:

- Addressing the \$770 million public transit funding deficit estimated by the RTA and total \$1.5 billion needed annually to enable significant improvements to the transit system in northeastern Illinois;
- Paying down Illinois' \$144 billion in unfunded pension obligations;
- Fully funding the evidence-based K-12 education funding formula;
- Making additional contributions to the state's rainy-day reserve fund; and
- Funding tax relief for low-income households by increasing resources allocated to programs like the Earned Income Tax Credit and Circuit Breaker Property Tax Relief program.

ELECTION DAY IS APRIL 1! YOU ARE ABLE TO VOTE EARLY, HAVE A PLAN. THIS ELECTION IS ALL ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY TAXES. PAY ATTENTION!

Thank you,
Randy

You DO Make A Difference:

On March 19th a post was made on the DuKane ABATE Facebook page letting everyone know about HB1831. It also asked for Members to send in Witness Slips on opposition to the bill.

On March 24th a second post was made. Both of them are below.

So, if you ever wondered if your actions had any effect you now have proof that you do make a difference.



Secretary: Amy Nelson



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

Membership Meeting Date: 3/11/2025

AGENDA

TIME Meeting Starts: 7:30pm

Attendance:

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

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

Chris spoke about the helmet bill that had been put out by State Representative Hoan Huynh. Though conversations with ABATE of Illinois, the bill is not going anywhere. Representative Huynh also signed on to the bill for Rider Safety Courses in Illinois.

Vice President/Legislative – Randy Ramey

Randy talked about Consolidated Election Day on April 1. Be sure to get out and vote!

Membership – Mark Garrison

We are still floating around 300 members in the chapter. Mark talked about how Safety and Ed is looking to get 5,000 magnets for students.

BOD State Representative – Kley Abel

No Report.

Events – Chris Newman

Chris covered how we will have the ABATE of Illinois State Raffle Prizes at the Toy Run this year. Mike Simko is managing the raffle sales. Chris also needs help from a member, someone who can pick up the raffle prizes and take them back. He is also looking for a 20 x 40 American flag to fly at Sycamore Speedway. He is looking for more volunteers as always. Steve Graef from Law Tigers announced they are sponsoring radio ads to promote the Toy Run.

Secretary: Amy Nelson

PR/Webmaster - Nathan Klapatch

Nathan announced that he is looking to redo the website and that will require updating our abilities with the software. He is also looking into putting a public calendar and notifications on the website.



Safety & Education – Steve Waltz

Not in attendance.

Road Captain: Viper

Not in attendance.

Treasurer – Mark Del Monaco

Not in Attendance.

Independent Rep –John Bloch

No report.

Independent Rep –Horsepower

No Report.

Newsletter – Mike Nicholson

No Report.

Secretary – Amy Nelson

Not in attendance.

Raffles

Who Won 50/50? Mike Sobie - Donated back to the chapter.

Motion Made IF ANY:

Name of Person that Made the Motion: Motion made by Phil Kraft to accept the monthly membership meeting notes from February.

Second Made by: Motion seconded by Steve Graef.

Motion Info: Motion approved the notes from February'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 \$600 for 5,000 magnets.

Second Made by: Motion seconded by Steve Graef.

Motion Info: Motion would approve spending the money to get magnets to give to students.

Kathi Crowell announced they would pay the \$600. Motion tabled.

Motion Made IF ANY:

Name of Person that Made the Motion: Motion made by Mike Slusarz to spend \$300 a year to upgrade the website.

Second Made by: Motion seconded by Steve Graef.

Motion Info: Motion approved spending \$300 a year to upgrade the DuKane ABATE website.

Yes: Unanimous No: None

Motion Carried?? Yes

Motion Made IF ANY:

Name of Person that Made the Motion: Motion made by Kathi Crowell to adjourn meeting.

Second Made by: Motion seconded by Donovan Anderson.

Motion Info: Motion adjourns meeting.

Yes: Unanimous No: None

Motion Carried?? Yes Adjourn Meeting TIME ADJOURNED? 8:20pm

Webmaster/Public Relations: Nathan Klapatch

Hey, everyone,

We've had quite a busy month for our chapter. We had our first fundraiser this year with ABATE Bowling Classic. As usual, we met to strike a few pins and go for some wins, both in regular bowling and in a 9-pin No-tap Tournament. We had prizes for the winners, as well as for the loser...um, I mean, person with the lowest score in the 9-pin No-tap Tournament, and I'm pleased to report that it wasn't me!



That same week, we had our Legislative Day in Springfield, which, I will admit, wasn't perfect for us. Many of the state lawmakers were in session as we were lobbying, so we didn't have the easiest time speaking to them directly. We weren't the only ones there, either, since capitol was full of people advocating for other causes, especially people discussing a homeschooling bill. However, we were able to hand out position papers to the staff and see many of our friends from the General Assembly at our reception that evening. I even invited a family member to stop by join us! So the day had its ups and downs, but it still worked out.

As usual, I've got pictures from both events. I've put our ABC pictures on social media, and I would like to thank Mike Simko for helping me out by getting lots of pictures of the award winners. As of now, I have yet to publish a full album of pictures from the Legislative Day, but I will get to that soon.

And to think that we have more events coming up in April and May! With a new Grill and Chill at Wild Fire Harley Davidson, a Biker Sunday at Warehouse Church, and a Motorcycle Awareness Day after that, we're going to keep active in our work, and I'll hope you'll do the same!

Nathan Klapatch

Membership: Mark Garrison

Welcome new members:

Maria Tornabeni, Kevin Kosnik, and Donovan Anderson

Thanks for Renewing:

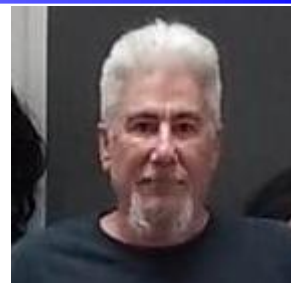
Alison Bloch and Mike Santiago, Desiree Reese, Tim and Terry Plelps, and Robert Koerrek

Members expiring in March:

Dawn Mulvihill, Amanda Dawson, and David Sobol

Members expiring in April:

Phil Kraft, Gary Vandenbos, Kathy Zander



Many ways to renew - State site www.abate-il.org, DuKane site dukaneabateil.org, or the best way come to a meeting - 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, West Chicago American Legion (best taco Tuesday around)

Mark Garrison
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Membership Coordinator
Safety and Education Presenter

Treasurer: Mark Del Monaco

February's finances are 100% balanced with Old Second and Old Glory bank statements and Square. I have completed the operational transition to Old Glory Bank from Old Second Bank. I will be closing the Old Second account as soon as I can get to the bank branch.



I have proposed a budget to Chris Hansen, Chris Newman and Randy Ramey for their initial consideration. Being optimistic, I proposed a budget that is higher than usual because the board has been talking about enhancements relative to our priorities, e.g. Awareness (Safety and Training and Start Looking for Motorcycles) has been very effective – maybe we can make our Chapter even more effective if we invest in effective budget areas. Hopefully we can, but maybe not. If we can't afford it, we're going to have to thrash some things out to set our expenditure and income expectations appropriately so at the end of 2025, we're funded for 2026.

I'm still soliciting for a replacement treasurer for 2027 or earlier. If you're interested and would like additional information, please let me know. It takes about 4 hours per month to do everything needed. I will teach you all you need to know.

If you have questions, comments, or improvement recommendations, just e-mail me at DuKaneTreasure2014@gmail.com. I'll do my best to respond quickly and thoughtfully. 2025, here we come!

Mark Del Monaco

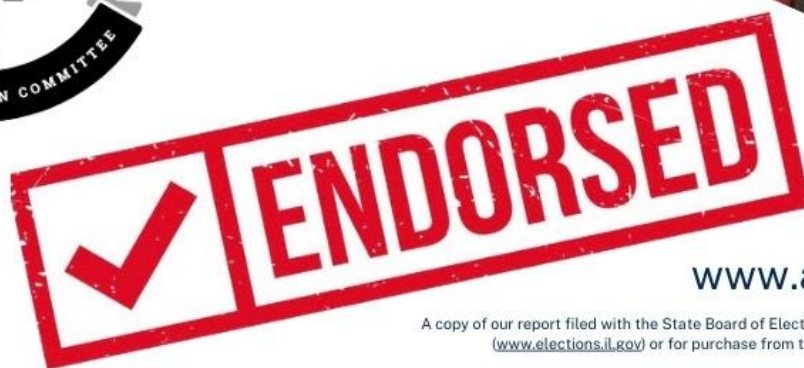


Let's Support Those Who Support Us:



**RANDY
RAMEY**

**For Wayne Township
Supervisor**



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A copy of our report filed with the State Board of Elections is (or will be) available on the Board's official website (www.elections.il.gov) or for purchase from the State Board of Elections, Springfield, Illinois.



Please join in a moment of silence for all those
who don't have the luxury of riding year round
Women's Freedom Ride

Education and Safety; Steve Waltz

Welcome to March and Spring is here in Northern Illinois, we think. As typical March weather we have 78 degrees one day and the next day its snowing. When you do pull those bikes out of storage make sure you go over the bike before you ride, check the lighting, tire pressure, and fluid levels before you pull out on the road.

We visited seven different high schools in February seeing a total of 1065 driver education students. We have also been invited to return to Downers Grove South for their wellness day in April. When we attended two years ago, we saw around 750 students in the one day and am looking forward to participating again this year.


Remember that Motorcycle Awareness Day is coming up on May 10th with two locations again this year. Please think about participating at either Elburn, Rt. 47 and Rt. 38, or the corner of Rt. 64 and County Farm Road, West Chicago.

Ride safe and watch out for cagers because they don't watch for you.

Steve Waltz
Safety and Education



FREEDOM TO CHOOSE



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

DuKane ABATE works to preserve your right to decide what protective gear you do and do not wear when you ride in DuPage and Kane Counties.

Events: Chris Newman



8th ANNUAL ABATE BOWLING CLASSIC



Our 8th annual DuKane ABATE Bowling Classic is in our rear view mirror. It was great to hang out with our old friends, and make some new friends as well! Please join me in welcoming DuKane ABATE's newest members, Maria Tornabeni and Kevin Kosnik! They joined DuKane ABATE at Bowlero.

Please support those who support us. Thank you **Steve Graef** and **The Law Tigers Chicagoland** for supplying the beautiful trophies. We had a lot of great door prizes this year. They were provided by **The Toy Shop and Motoulounge, Sycamore Speedway, Wild Fire Harley Davidson, and Spiders Cycles**. Let these businesses know how much we appreciate their help.



DUKANE ABATE GRILL AND CHILL

Stop by Wild Fire Harley-Davidson on Saturday April 12th for the first ever DuKane ABATE Grill and Chill! It is all happening between 12:00 and 3:00. Let's pack the shop ABATE members. While you are there enjoy some good eats and beverages provided by our friends at Wild Fire Harley-Davidson. Please consider helping out at our membership table.

Events: Chris Newman



There will be music, giveaways, food and drink. All proceeds will go to DuKane ABATE, to help us do the important work that we do for motorcyclist's rights. See you there!

Biker Sunday – Warehouse Church

Join our friend and hosting DuKane ABATE member Randy Schoop, starting at 9:00 AM Sunday May 4th. It is happening at the Warehouse Church, 308 E Galena, in Aurora. Coffee, doughnuts, Taco Truck, and bike blessings all happening until 1:00. Rockin' Worship starts at 10:00 AM. Maybe a group ride after? It is always a great time. We will have our DuKane ABATE Membership booth set up at Biker Sunday. Come on out and help talking to people about ABATE. See everyone there!



Events: Chris Newman

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS DAY

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Join us on Saturday May 10th for DuKane ABATE's Motorcycle Awareness Day from 11-1!

We will be in 2 locations this year, spreading the word of motorcycle awareness to both DuPage County and Kane County.

DuPage County meeting location is DuPage Honda Yamaha parking lot at the corner of RT64 and County Line Road in West Chicago.

Kane County meeting location is the BP Gas Station, at the intersection of RT38 and RT47 in Elburn.

Then we will post at the intersections along as we let drivers know to
WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES!

This is a joint effort with the Kane County Sheriff's Department, DuPage County Sheriff's Department, Carol Stream Police Department, and the Elburn Police Department.

Distracted drivers are a threat to all, so please join us for a few hours and help us to make them aware!

This awareness-raising activity is an excellent way for ALL DuKane ABATE members to get to know one another!

Join us for a free lunch, compliments of Knuckleheads in Elburn after the event! This is a free event. Supportive non-members are welcome as well.



Events: Chris Newman

ABATE INFORMATION BOOTH VOLUNTEERS



We need your help representing DuKane ABATE at many events this summer. Help us spread the good word of who ABATE is, what ABATE does, and why ABATE does it! Please volunteer to participate on April 13th at Walneck's Swap Meet in Woodstock and for Motorcycle Sunday on May 4th in Aurora. We also have a summer full of monthly dates at Bike Nights at the Pit at Wild Fire Harley-Davidson scheduled. Let me know when you are available.

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

35th Annual Heartland STEAM

Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf IA

Fri. – Sat. April 4th and 5th

DuKane ABATE Grill and Chill

Wild Fire Harley Davidson, Villa Park, IL

Saturday April 21st 12:00 – 3:00

Biker Sunday

Warehouse Church, Aurora, IL

Sunday May 4th 9:00AM

Motorcycle Awareness Day

BP Gas Station Rt38 and RT 47, Elburn IL
DuPage Honda, West Chicago, IL

Saturday May 10th, 11:00AM

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

Sunday, May 18th Woodstock, IL

Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run

Grundy County Fairgrounds, Morris, IL

Saturday, June 21st 6:00AM

DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash

Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL

Saturday July 12th 11:00AM

9th Annual SETHtastic Motorcycle Run

The Venue at Goebbert's, Pingree Grove, IL

Saturday July 26th, 9:00AM

9th Annual Ride for John-REMEMBER US ALL

Alley 64, St. Charles, IL

Saturday August 2nd 9:00AM

Elburn Days Parade

Elburn Community Center, Elburn, IL

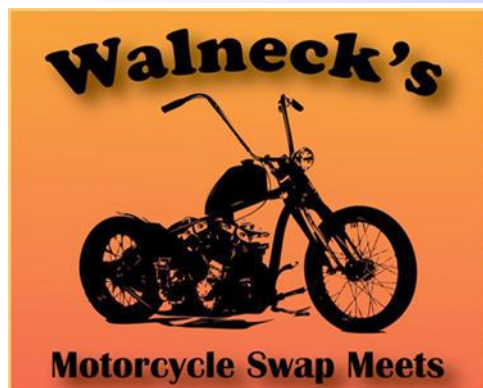
Friday August 15th 5:00PM

39th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run

Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL

Sunday October 12th 9:30

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MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET STUFF

Remember, Buzz and Pixie Walneck (who are DuKane ABATE members) are giving all ABATE members ½ off admission for every swap meet, all summer long! Show your ABATE membership card at the door to receive your discount. Be sure not to miss “The Big One”. Walneck’s Woodstock Motorcycle Swap Meet on April 13th.

Buy motorcycle parts, build motorcycles, ride motorcycles

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
McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL

Sunday June 22rd, 8:00AM

Chief Blackhawk Club Swap Meet
Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport IA

Wednesday August 27th – 30th

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Go forth and ride - Newman

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HP says thanks to all you bowlers ! The weather is here , don't forget to T Clock check your ride!

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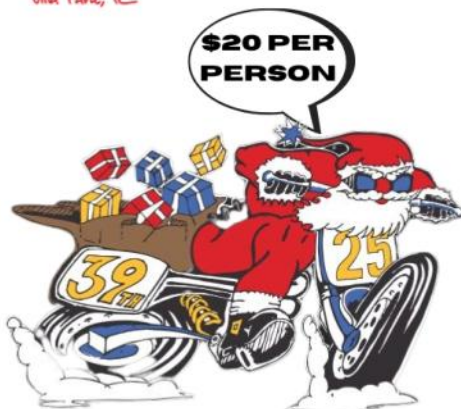
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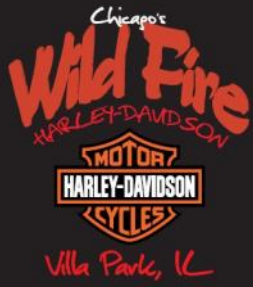
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