

From the President: Chris Hansen

Hello DuKane ABATE!



As we wrap up 2025 and celebrate the Christmas season, I want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This past year would not have been possible without the dedication, passion, and commitment of our DuKane ABATE members who continue to stand shoulder to shoulder in the fight to protect the rights of motorcyclists. Whether you attended meetings, supported events, advocated with legislators, or simply proudly represented ABATE out on the road, your involvement truly made a difference. Thank you for being part of this brotherhood and sisterhood and for helping ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as riders remain protected. Stay safe, enjoy the holidays, and we look forward to riding together in 2026.

One of our key fights in 2026 will be addressing the push to bring Waymo driverless taxis onto Illinois roads. We understand that technology is moving forward and that we can't stop innovation—but what we can and must do is ensure that these vehicles are not deployed without clear rules, regulations, and restrictions. Motorcyclists are already among the most vulnerable users of the roadway, and allowing autonomous vehicles to operate without proper oversight, accountability, and safety standards is unacceptable. DuKane ABATE will remain vigilant and engaged, making sure lawmakers understand that rider safety and freedom must come before corporate convenience. This is a fight we are prepared to take on, and it will be a major focus in the year ahead.

As we kick off 2026, we're proud to welcome the 2026 DuKane ABATE Board of Directors and thank them for stepping up to lead our chapter in the year ahead. President Chris Hansen; Vice President and Legislative Coordinator Randy Ramey; State BOD Representative Kley Abel; Treasurer Kathi Crowell; Secretary Amy Nelson; Events Officer Chris Newman; Membership Officer Mark Garrison; PR/Webmaster Nathan Klapatch; Newsletter Officer Mike Nicholson; Safety & Education Officer Steve Waltz; Road Captain Viper; Independent Representative #1 Jordi Finnegan; and Independent Representative #2 Horsepower. This dedicated group of volunteers is ready to continue the fight to protect the rights, freedoms, and safety of motorcyclists throughout DuPage and Kane Counties. I also want to extend a sincere thank you to Mark Del Monaco and John Bloch for their time, service, and commitment on the board. Their hard work and dedication have helped strengthen DuKane ABATE, and we truly appreciate everything they've done for our chapter.

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Looking ahead to the 2026 legislative session, there are already signs that State Representative Hoan Huynh is planning to once again push a mandatory helmet bill—an issue that threatens the personal freedom and safety choices of motorcyclists across Illinois. As riders and advocates for our rights, we know this strategy all too well, and we're preparing now to push back with everything we've got. ABATE of Illinois, including our chapter, will be mobilizing members, educating lawmakers, and fighting to protect the freedom of choice that riders value. Stay tuned for action alerts and grassroots opportunities to make your voice heard—because when our rights are on the line, we stand united and ready.

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 January 20th, 2026, for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. Candidates for DuPage County Board Kathy Zander and Jim Zay will be our guest speakers. 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' freedoms in DuPage and Kane Counties in 2026 as we work to preserve the legacy of motorcycling through resources, education, and political representation. 123 Main Street in West Chicago is the address.

Until next month,
Ride Safe – Ride Free
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DUKANE ABATE
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP
MEETING

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH
7:30PM SHARP

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

Join Us!

www.dukaneabateil.org

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BE CANDIDATES FOR DUPAGE COUNTY BOARD, KATHY ZANDER AND JIM ZAY.

The poster features a large red and white graphic of a motorcycle handlebar on the right side. In the center, there is a photograph of a group of people sitting at tables in a meeting room. At the bottom right, there is a photograph of a man and a woman smiling. The text is primarily in white and red on a black background.

Vice President/Legislative Rep.; Randy Ramey

Hello All,

It's a new year, and new taxes are on the way! Tollways, gaming, sales tax, breathing.....increases to help pay for the largest budget in Illinois history. Are there any benefits for you and I? Nope, we get to watch as others benefit from our work. That is not all, there will be more tax talk because they haven't filled the holes in the State budget. Hold on to your wallets!



104th ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly is set to begin the 2026 Spring Session in January. The Illinois Senate will reconvene on Tuesday, January 13, and continue through Thursday, January 15. The House of Representatives will reconvene the following week, from Tuesday, January 20, through Thursday, January 22.

Deadlines will approach quickly in the new year. January 16 is the deadline to request a bill be drafted for spring consideration. February 6 is the deadline to file legislation.

Key 2026 Session Dates:

January 16: LRB Deadline -- Both Chambers
February 6: Bill Filing Deadline -- Both Chambers
February 18: Governor's Budget and State of the State Address
March 13: Deadline -- Substantive Senate Bills out of Committee
March 27: Deadline -- Substantive House Bills out of Committee
March 17: Primary Election
April 17: Deadline -- 3rd Reading Substantive Bills in First Chamber
May 8: Deadline -- Substantive Bills out of Committee in Second Chamber
May 22: Deadline -- 3rd Reading Substantive Bills in Second Chamber
May 31: Adjournment

GOVERNOR'S HIGHLIGHTS:

Mass Transit: Governor JB Pritzker signed a \$1.5 billion transit overhaul [package](#) into law, aimed at modernizing Illinois' public transportation system. The new legislation will provide increased funding for capital projects, fare collection improvements, oversight, and the procurement of new trains, tracks, and buses. Funding sources include the state's existing Road Fund interest, a 0.25% increase in sales tax within the six-county "NITA region," and the redirection of an existing gas sales tax. Effective next summer, the law will establish a new oversight board to replace the current Regional Transit Authority system, introduce a unified fare system by 2030, and raise accountability standards starting in 2028. The new law will also create new capital projects, support transit-oriented development by 2027, and launch a "Transit Ambassador Program."

Other New Laws: Also signed:

- [HB 250](#) grants Will County quick-take powers for a road construction project.
- [HB 576](#) creates the Public Official Safety and Privacy Act.
- [HB 643](#) prohibits municipalities from collecting any tax on joint-use airport transactions in certain regions.
- [HB 762](#) directs the Illinois Department of Insurance to study liability insurance practices for community-based providers of foster care and adoption services.
- [HB 1085](#) strengthens parity between mental health and other healthcare by establishing a reimbursement rate floor for mental health and substance use disorder services.
- [HB 1607](#) creates the Task Force on Eliminating Food Deserts within the Department of Public Health.
- [HB 3492](#) makes changes to the juvenile justice system.
- [SB 90](#) expands the State Comptroller's debt offset authority.

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- [SB 618](#) makes several changes to the Liquor Control Act, including establishing a Class 3 Craft Distiller License and Special Showcase Permit.

- [SB 642](#) represents a TIF omnibus, extending TIFs for several municipalities. The bill also increases the maximum income limitation for the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption, establishes the interest rate for delinquent property taxes for tax year 2025, and allows the county clerk to administer payment plans and waive interest penalties.



- [SB 1911](#) is the Veto Session revenue omnibus. The bill decouples from federal bonus depreciation for newly constructed non-residential real property, replaces the Global Intangible Low Tax Income tax with Net Controlled foreign Corporation Tested Income, extends the excess business loss deduction for trusts, extends the State and Local Tax Deduction, amends the Film Production Services Tax Credit Act, creates the Statewide Innovation Development and Economy Act, and includes a one-time transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Audit Expense Fund.

- [SB 1950](#), the Medical Aid in Dying bill, which will allow qualified terminally ill patients the ability to seek medication to end their lives.

- [SB 1989](#) consolidates the Southwest Regional Port District with the Kaskaskia Regional Port District and restructures the board.

- [SB 2339](#) prohibits adverse actions against an employee due to a notice of individual taxpayer identification number discrepancies provided by a federal agency or outside vendor not responsible for immigration enforcement.

- [SB 2683](#) extends a bond authorization for the Iroquois County Community School District.

Resource Adequacy Study: In accordance with Section 9.15(o) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the Illinois Power Agency, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency have released their joint 2025 Resource Adequacy Study assessing the current and projected electric resource adequacy and reliability throughout Illinois across the period ahead.

IDPH Releases Alcohol Consumption Report: The Illinois Department of Public Health has released its first comprehensive report detailing alcohol consumption and misuse among residents of Illinois. Titled “Alcohol Use in Illinois,” the report analyzes data from various sources, including IDPH’s own Illinois Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey and the Illinois Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey. The findings from this report can assist state and local health officials in developing targeted programs and interventions aimed at addressing health-related issues associated with alcohol use.

Hepatitis B Vaccine for Infants: The Illinois Department of Public Health reaffirmed recommendations by the Illinois Vaccine Advisory Committee to continue giving the hepatitis B vaccine to all healthy infants within 24 hours of birth.

Grants Awarded to Combat Homelessness: Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness have announced a \$2 million investment to combat homelessness in Central Illinois. This funding, part of the Home Illinois grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services, will support local organizations such as Fifth Street Renaissance, Helping Hands of Springfield, and Mercy Communities, Inc. The focus will be on effective housing solutions, specifically rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing, to help achieve the goal of functional zero homelessness, where homelessness is prevented and, when it occurs, is brief and rare.

Grant Applications Open for Waterfowl Habitat Restoration: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is accepting grant applications for habitat restoration in Canadian waterfowl breeding grounds until January 4, 2026. Funds from the Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp, purchased by hunters, are used to conserve critical breeding habitats on the Canadian prairies, which are essential for waterfowl migrating to Illinois and the Mississippi Flyway. Only not-for-profit organizations focused on supporting and conserving wild waterfowl in these areas are eligible for the grants.

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Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants Available: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for Volunteer Fire Assistance grants until February 16, 2026. This federal grant program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, provides matching funds to support fire departments in purchasing equipment and funding training. Recipients can be reimbursed for 50% of project costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000, but must initially cover the expenses.



Gubernatorial Appointments: Governor Pritzker appointed the following:

- Dr. Héctor García will serve as a Member of the Illinois Community College Board.
- Dr. Dawn Brown will continue to serve as a Member of the State Board of Health.

OTHER NEWS:

Court of Claims Modernization: Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias announced the modernization of the Illinois Court of Claims with the introduction of electronic filing and remote hearings. This change replaces the outdated, paper-based system, making the process faster and more accessible for claimants. Giannoulias emphasized that the move to a fully digital process will enhance government accessibility, transparency, and efficiency. Starting now, all filings can be submitted through a new online portal, with training videos available for first-time users.

SNAP Benefits: In November, Attorney General Raoul joined a coalition of 21 attorneys general to sue the Trump administration for attempting to cut SNAP benefits for lawful permanent residents. On December 10, the administration reversed its decision, confirming that these residents, including former refugees and asylees, remain eligible for SNAP benefits. However, the administration continued to threaten states with penalties for not implementing the new guidance quickly enough. A U.S. District Court in Oregon temporarily blocked these penalties, protecting SNAP programs while the case is ongoing.

Attorneys General Reach Settlement with Hyundai and Kia: Attorney General Kwame Raoul and a bipartisan group of 35 attorneys general reached a settlement with Hyundai and Kia over the lack of anti-theft technology in millions of vehicles. Under the agreement, both manufacturers will:

- Install engine immobilizer anti-theft technology in all future U.S. vehicles.
- Provide free zinc-reinforced ignition cylinder protectors for eligible vehicles.
- Offer up to \$4.5 million in restitution to consumers whose cars were stolen or damaged.
- Pay \$4.5 million to states for investigation costs.

ICC Rules on ComEd Rate Reconciliation: The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) reduced ComEd's 2024 rate reconciliation request by \$25.4 million, part of a new performance-based evaluation process. The majority of the cuts were due to overruns from ComEd's customer care and billing rollout, as the ICC determined that these costs were not prudently incurred. The decision also removed performance incentives related to the rollout and mandated that ComEd provide updates on affordability and cost benefit analyses for grid plan projects in future rate reconciliations to assess their impact.

ICC Rules on Ameren Rate Reconciliation: The Illinois Commerce Commission reduced Ameren Illinois' \$59.6 million rate reconciliation request by \$11.2 million. This decision is part of a new performance-based evaluation process aimed at aligning actual utility spending with approved investment plans. Moving forward, Ameren must provide updates on affordability data and cost-benefit analyses for related grid projects in future reconciliation dockets, enabling real-time evaluation of their grid plan's impact.

Thank you and Happy New Year!
Randy

Secretary: Amy Nelson



DuKane Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois
Membership Meeting Date: 12/16/2025
AGENDA

TIME Meeting Starts: 7:30pm

Attendance:

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

Call To Order** Pledge of Allegiance, Lead by President Chris Hansen **

New Members Welcome!

Names of New Members:

Officer Reports

The officers of the board give their reports.

NE Region Coordinator: Rich Gruner

GUEST SPEAKERS (if any)

President – Chris Hansen

Chris talked about how one of the fights we'll have in 2026 is getting regulations on Waymo Driverless Taxis in Illinois. Waymo is trying to bring these vehicles to Cook and Sangamon Counties and this is being supported by both Democrat and Republican leadership. Waymo is sending legislators to Arizona in perfect weather to show them how they work, not showing them here in Illinois with less than ideal weather and conditions. These vehicles were recently investigated in Texas for passing stopped school busses 19 times with their stop lights on and signs out. They've also caused issues in San Francisco. Chris also talked about how State Representative Hoan Huynh is bringing another helmet bill forward in 2026 and that we will kill this for the 3rd year in a row. Chris announced that he has accepted Mark Del Monaco's resignation and has appointed Kathi Crowell to fill the Treasurer position for the remainder of his term. Chris thanked Mark Del Monaco and John Bloch for their time on the DuKane ABATE BOD.

Vice President/Legislative – Randy Ramey

Not in attendance.

Membership – Mark Garrison

Not in attendance.

BOD State Representative – Kley Abel

No Report

Secretary: Amy Nelson

Events – Chris Newman

Chris everyone know that the Walneck's Swap Meet is coming up in February and that we will be heavily involved in motorcycle events again in 2026.



PR/Webmaster - Nathan Klapatch

No Report

Safety & Education – Steve Waltz

Steve let everyone know that they have completed their schedule for 2025 and that they spoke to over 6,000 students in 2025, leading the way in Illinois.

Road Captain: Viper

Not in Attendance.

Treasurer – Mark Del Monaco

All accounts have been balanced to the penny. The 990s will be sent to Paul Truax. Mark will be around to help Kathi transfer into the position.

Independent Rep –John Bloch

No report.

Independent Rep –Horsepower

Horsepower let people know to buy ABATE of Illinois Raffle Tickets and ABATEPAC Gun Raffle Tickets.

Newsletter – Mike Nicholson

No report.

Secretary – Amy Nelson

Not in Attendance.

Raffles

Who Won 50/50? Phil Kraft - 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 November 2025.

Second Made by:

Motion seconded by Jordi Finnegan.

Motion Info:

Motion approved the notes from November's 2025 meeting.

Yes: 40 Members No: Knucklehead Bob

Motion Carried?? Yes

Motion Made IF ANY:

Name of Person that Made the Motion: Motion made by Mike Simko to adjourn meeting.

Second Made by:

Motion seconded by Dory Boswell.

Motion Info:

Motion adjourns meeting.

Yes: 40 Members No: Knucklehead Bob

Motion Carried?? Yes

Adjourn Meeting

TIME ADJOURNED? 8:10pm

Treasurer: Mark Del Monaco

November finances are in balance with Old Glory Bank and SQUARE transactions. All transactions are accounted for.

Chris Hansen has officially recognized my resignation as DuKane Abate Treasurer effective at the end of 2025. It has been an enjoyable responsibility these past several years. As a BOD member, I saw what goes on in Abate that, as a regular member, one normally wouldn't pay too much attention to. For Abate being a nationwide organization, it's a niche group of people mostly in it for fun, but a very important outlet for those who want to hold our government accountable with a significant voice backing them up. If we didn't have advocates for motorcycle freedoms pushing back on bureaucratic infringements, politicians would be eliminating the entire motorcycle sport and utility just like they're doing to our other constitutional rights. All Abate membership should be very proud of our interested members who pay close attention to these bureaucratic maneuvers. I am, and I'm very proud of their accomplishments. Additionally, Abate is a nationwide leader in motorcycle awareness and education in our schools. DuKane ABATE's education team, far and away, leads this effort seeing over 6,000 students this year. Amazing! Those who don't ride, really do not get any exposure at all for sharing the road with motorcycle enthusiasts. It's ABATE's teams that provide this exposure in High School Driver's Education class. They're a great team.



Kathi Crowell will be your DuKane Abate Treasurer starting in January. I will continue to coach her as needed; I believe she will do a fine job.

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

Mark Del Monaco and Kathi Crowell

Membership: Mark Garrison

Welcome new members:

Matt Smith, Nolan Smith, and Philip Wiegman

Thanks for renewing:

Janalee Crowell, Sven Davies, Lance Faust, Judge James and Janice McClusky, Thomas Miller, Efren Pitones, Paul Sabourin, Micheal Slusarz, Dennis Stauber, Phil and Cindy Taylor, Patricia Triola, Jeff and Jana Bath West, Alison Blocjh and Michael Santiago



Expiring in December:

Chris Janis, Joe Palazzolo, Ray and Lisa Bachewicz, Stephine Kifowit, Kevin Riley

Happy and healthy New Year to all.

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Mark Garrison
Membership Coordinator
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**START SEEING
MOTORCYCLES!**

On a motorcycle, in snow, with winter camouflage. Now, that takes guts.



I bet you thought I would go for a joke about having snowballs.

Webmaster: Nathan Klapatch

Hey, everyone,

The new year is getting started, and we have plans to use it for fighting for motorcycle rights.

But before we get to our work in the new year, there is a ABATE member whom we lost recently: Danny Nelson. He was a loyal ABATE member who would attend not only our meetings, but also our events, helping us stand up for bikers in the local area and in Springfield. He has earned the favor of people throughout the motorcycle community, including with multiple chapters of ABATE and motorcycle groups such as the CMA. While it is relieving to hear that he passed away peacefully, I extend my condolences to the family all the same for their loss.



Going forward with the new year, we'll have 2 new members on our chapter BOD. One of them is Kathi Crowell, a loyal ABATE member who will be taking Mark Del Monaco's place as Treasurer. We also have Jordi Finnegan, the Marketing Manager at Chicago Harley Davidson who was elected Independent Representative. As such, we ought to give them a warm welcome to the team!

We also have a noteworthy change to our state BOD. Our DuKane Chapter President, Chris Hansen, has been elected to be the State Coordinator for ABATE of Illinois. I wish him well, and I hope he carries the torch of motorcycle advocacy with pride and effectiveness.

We'll keep you up to date on what's happening with our chapter as the year goes on. So stay tuned, and keep an eye out for us. I hope to see you soon!

Nathan Klapatch

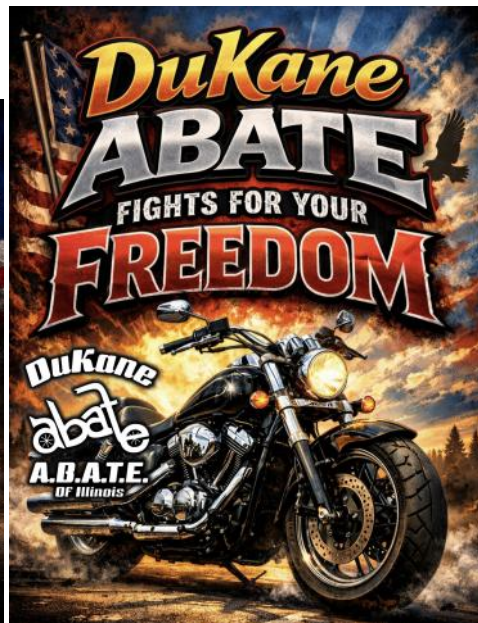
Education and Safety; Steve Waltz

Hope everyone is having a great holiday season. Just a quick note to close out 2025. Mike, Mark and I managed to speak with 6,204 students this year regarding motorcycle safety. We picked up three new schools with the hope of picking up at least two more schools in 2026. It is our objective to continue to grow the number of schools visited to make these new drivers aware of the growing number of motorcycle riders on the road each year.

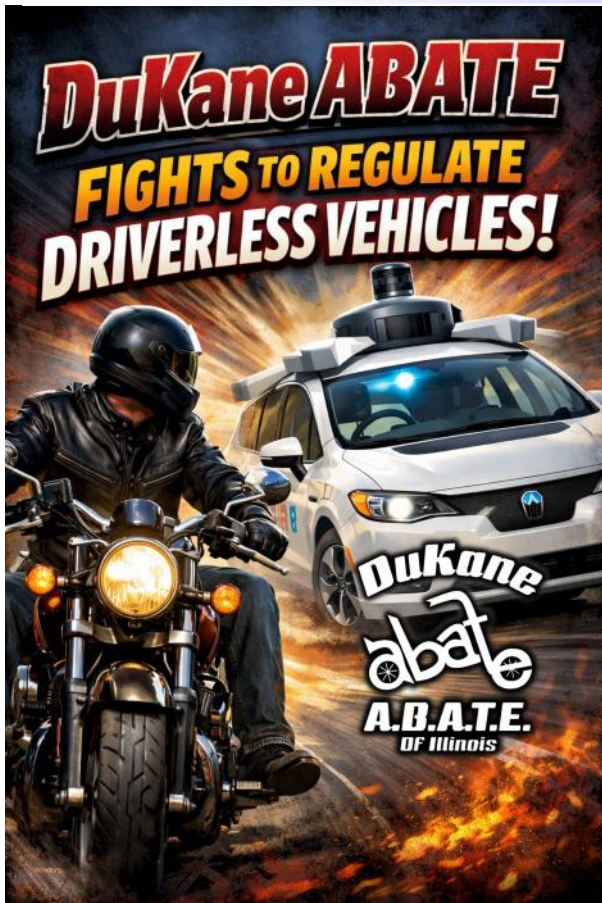


Unfortunately, we have had 152 motorcycle fatalities in Illinois this year only slightly down from 2024. Please be aware of other drivers since most fail to be aware of us. Remember to join us at the next meeting January 20, 2026 beginning at 7:30 PM.

Steve Waltz
Safety and Education



2026 is an Election Year. What's on your mind?



I VOTE

- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Republican
- ☒ Motorcyclist



Support those who support us :

DUKANE ABATE SUPPORTS THOSE THAT SUPPORT MOTORCYCLISTS



JEFF WALTER IS RUNNING FOR UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND HAS BEEN A SUPPORTER OF MOTORCYCLISTS DURING HIS ENTIRE TIME AS ELBURN MAYOR. LET'S SEND HIM TO WASHINGTON D.C. TO WORK FOR US!

ENDORSED BY:



BE SURE TO SUPPORT JEFF AND HAVE
PLANS TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY
ELECTION ON MARCH 17, 2026!



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CANDIDATE FOR KANE COUNTY SHERIFF

COOK COUNTY POLICE FOP LODGE 4

4425 HARRISON ST, HILLSDALE, IL 60162

December 11 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

\$50 Suggested Donation | Appetizer and beverages included

*Join us in supporting Lou Santoyo's campaign for Kane County Sheriff!
Your presence and support make a difference.
Thank you for standing with Lou.*

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Support those who support us :

JENNIFER DAVIS

FOR CONGRESS

PUTTING FAMILIES AND FREEDOM FIRST

Who I Am:

As a lifelong tech entrepreneur, mom of 10, and supporter of the biker community, Jennifer Davis knows the thrill of the ride and the frustration of government red tape. That's why she's running for Congress – to take on federal overreach and deliver results that keep our roads open, safe, and free.

In Washington, Jennifer will:

- **Fix Our Roads:** Secure federal funding to repair potholes, widen lanes, and create motorcycle-friendly routes — no more crumbling highways.
- **Cut Red Tape:** Eliminate costly EPA and DOT mandates that hurt riders, builders, and small shops. Jennifer knows excessive regulation kills jobs and innovation.
- **Defend Freedom:** Protect the Second Amendment and personal liberty — no to federal gear mandates or tracking tech.
- **Stand with Veterans:** Expand VA benefits, healthcare, and job training to honor the heroes in our riding community.

Jennifer Davis isn't a career politician. She's one of us – ready to rev up common-sense solutions in Congress.



More Information

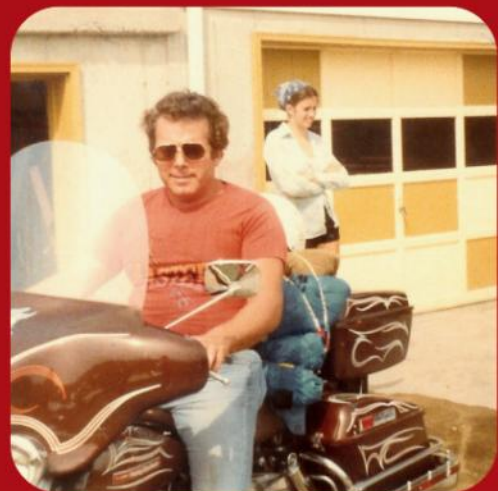
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Events: Chris Newman



I do hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday with your family and friends! Thank you to all who joined us at our DuKane ABATE Christmas party, we had a great time. It was awesome celebrating with everyone there. DuKane ABATE Board of Directors elections were also held at our December membership meeting. Please join me in welcoming our new and returning re-elected DuKane ABATE Board of Directors Members. Of special note is our newest BOD members Jordi Finnegan as our Independent Representative #1 and Kathy Crowell as Treasurer!

I am honored that you all have the confidence in me to serve another term as Events Officer. I will do my best to represent the DuKane ABATE Membership and Illinois Motorcyclists in general to move forward our mission. I am excited to work with this dedicated team of great people to continue our efforts to stand up for motorcyclist's rights in Illinois. 2026 is going to be a great year! I thank you for your trust and support.



There is still a chance to sign up for the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar in January. If you can make it, let us know. It is a great opportunity to learn how this fine organization works and how you can help. Meet ABATE Leaders from all across the state. You can choose the seminar topics that you wish to attend. There is a banquet and auctions as well. Can not make it but want to help out? We are looking for Items for the silent and live auctions. Proceeds from the auctions go to ABATE of Illinois and ABATE P.A.C..

Events: Chris Newman

Do not miss these great events coming soon near you!

Mark your calendars for all of our 2026 events. I look forward to seeing everyone at every event! If you would like to assist us with putting on any of these happenings, just let me know. More information coming soon. For details see the attached fliers.

ABATE State Seminar
Northfield Inn, Springfield IL
Fri – Sat January 16th – 17th

ABATE Of Illinois Northwest Region Chili Shootout
VFW Post 540, Dixon, IL
Saturday Feb. 7th 3:00PM

Chicago ABATE Chili Cookoff
River Park Moose, River Grove, IL
Saturday Feb. 21st 12:00 to 6:00PM

DuKane ABATE Bowling Classic (ABC)
Bowlero, Glendale Heights, IL
Sunday March 15th 2:00PM

Flat Out Friday
Fireserv Forum, Milwaukee, WI
Mama Tried Motorcycle Show
Eagles Ballroom, Milwaukee, WI
Friday February 20th 7:00PM
February 21st & 22nd

Chicago World Of Wheels Cyclorama
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL
March 6th – 8th

36th Annual Heartland STEAM
Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN
March 20th – 22nd

Biker Sunday
Warehouse Church, Aurora, IL
Sunday May 3rd

20th Annual Ride Janie Ride
Chicago Harley-Davidson, Villa Park, IL
Sunday May 3rd, 8:30AM

Motorcycle Awareness Day
BP Gas Station Rt38 and RT 47, Elburn IL
DuPage Honda, West Chicago, IL
Saturday May 9th, 11:00AM

ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day
Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Springfield, IL
Wednesday May 13th, 8:00AM

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride
Woodstock, IL
Sunday, May 17th 2026

Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run
Grundy County Fairgrounds, Morris, IL
Saturday June 20th, 10:30AM

Motoblot #13
Halstead and 35th, Bridgeport, Chicago
June 19th – 21st

Events: Chris Newman

DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash
11:00AM Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL

Saturday July 11th,

10th Annual Ride For John
Location TBA

Saturday August 1st

Elburn Days Parade
Elburn Community Center, Elburn, IL

Friday August 21st 5:00PM

Elburn All Wheels Show
8:00AM Elburn Lions Club, Elburn, IL

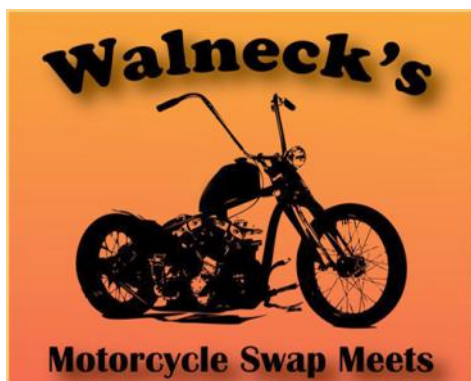
Sunday October 4th,

40th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run
AM Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL
Sycamore Speedway, Maple Park, IL

Sunday October 11th 9:30

Chicagoland Toys For Tots Parade
Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago, IL

Sunday December 6th, 9:30AM



Stay tuned, buy parts, build old motorcycles, ride old motorcycles.
Get on out and find yourself some awesome deals. Our friend and member, Buzz Walneck, is offering ½ price admission to all of his swap meets for ABATE members. Be sure to show your membership card when you arrive.

Winter Blows Swap Meet
8:00AM Belle-Clair Fairgrounds & Expo Center, Belleville, IL

Sunday January 4th,

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

Sunday Feb 8th, 8:00

ABATE of Illinois Motorcycle Swap Meet
8:00AM Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL

Sunday March 22nd,

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Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet
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Sunday May 3rd, 8:00

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet
8:00AM Grundy County Speedway, Morris, IL

Sunday June 14th,

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8:00AM McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL

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8:00AM Rock River Riders, Oregon, IL

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