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Hello from DuKane ABATE!

DuKane ABATE had a great weekend at the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar! Events Officer Chris Newman, Membership Officer Mark Garrison, Public Relations Officer Nathan Klapatch, and myself proudly attended the weekend's festivities at the Northfield Inn, Suites, and Conference Center in Springfield. We participated in several informative classes and enjoyed a fantastic awards ceremony and banquet. Congratulations to BOD Representative Kley Abel for earning perfect attendance at ABATE of Illinois Board of Directors meetings. I also extend congratulations to Safety & Education Officer Steve Waltz, Mike Bullis, and Mark Garrison for speaking to more students than any other chapter in Illinois, spreading motorcycle safety and awareness across DuPage and Kane Counties. Their dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed.



I, for one, will not stop calling for strong regulations and clear restrictions on driverless vehicles like those operated by Waymo if they are allowed to come into Illinois. Recently, a Waymo driverless taxi in Arizona turned onto an active railroad track with a passenger still inside. Yes, you read that right—the vehicle mistook a railroad track, with an oncoming train, for a roadway. The terrified passenger was forced to bail out of the vehicle and cross a busy road to get to safety, after which the vehicle drove off on its own. While we can't stop technological advancement, we absolutely can—and must—demand that it is properly regulated, transparent, and held to the highest safety standards before it's allowed on our streets.

DuKane ABATE is incredibly proud of our Junior DuKane ABATE Program, a program designed for children under 18 who love motorcycles and want to get involved in learning about the work we do to protect and promote motorcyclists' rights throughout DuPage and Kane Counties. Junior members take part in events and attend meetings, gaining firsthand experience and education about advocacy, responsibility, and the motorcycling community. One of our own leaders, Public Relations Officer Nathan Klapatch, proudly came out of this very program. If you, or someone you know, has a child who would be interested in getting involved, we encourage you to reach out. This program helps us shape the future of DuKane ABATE by building future riders and future freedom fighters.

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President: Chris Hansen

The 2026 Primary Election is coming up fast on March 17, 2026, and DuKane ABATE is out in DuPage and Kane Counties talking directly with candidates about motorcyclists' rights and issues to see where they stand. Knowing a candidate's position before you step into the voting booth is critical. ABATEPAC has endorsed several candidates in our area, including State Representative Jennifer Sanalitro, State Senator Dave Syverson, State Senator Seth Lewis, and Robert Vrankovich, candidate for State Representative in the 47th District, among others. ABATE FEDPAC has also endorsed Jeff Walter, Niki Conforti, and James Marter, all candidates for Congress. Each of these candidates has demonstrated a willingness to listen and work hard for the motorcyclists of DuPage and Kane Counties. Let's get out, support those who support us, and cast our votes this March!

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 February 17, 2026, for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. Candidates for Illinois State Senate - District 33, Jessica Breugelmans and Danielle Penman, 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' rights and 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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Join us in the work of preserving the freedoms of motorcyclists in DuPage and Kane Counties!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
7:30PM SHARP

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President: Chris Hansen

It is with a heavy heart I am giving you the sad news of the recent passing of two members of our DuKane family. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

I'm saddened at the loss of a friend and a brother on the morning of Saturday, January 24, 2026. Bob Carroll is always someone I will remember as one of the kindest men I knew that was always good for a laugh or conversation and an incredible and dedicated freedom fighter for ABATE. RIP Bob. Ride on in the sky.

Bob Carroll



It is with heavy hearts that we announce that long time supporter of DuKane ABATE and mother of DuKane ABATE Secretary Amy Nelson, Elaine M. "Neen" Nelson, has passed away. Please keep Amy and the family in your prayers at this time.

Elaine M. "Neen" Nelson



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Hello All,

Elections are here. Elections have consequences. Participate

Early voting in person:

Available 40 days prior to Election Day.



Starting Thursday, February 5, 2026, for March 17, 2026, General Primary Election.

<https://www.dupagecounty.gov/>

[elected officials/election and voter information/voting information/early voting locations.php](https://elected.officials/election_and_voter_information/voting_information/early_voting_locations.php)

<https://clerk2.kanecountyil.gov/Elections>

104th ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Neither chamber was in session this past week. The Senate returns to February 3 – 5. Both chambers are off the following week and return to session February 17 – 19.

Friday, February 6, is the bill-filing deadline. The Governor will deliver his combined State of the State and Budget Address to a joint session of the Illinois General Assembly on Wednesday, February 18.

The Senate Assignments Committee met this week and assigned 131 Senate Bills to standing committees for consideration; the majority of these bills were under consideration during the 2025 Spring Session.

Key 2026 Session Dates:

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:

Prairie State Access Fund: In response to threats to federal funding, Governor JB Pritzker's office is partnering with the Michael Reese Health Trust to enhance access to reproductive health services in Illinois. Together, they are launching the Prairie State Access Fund to stabilize and expand reproductive health services, with grant distribution starting immediately through an initial request for proposals. This initiative -- unlike traditional federal funding -- is intended to provide rapid support.

Vice President/Legislative Rep.; Randy Ramey

GOVERNOR'S HIGHLIGHTS continued

Grants Available for Local Food Infrastructure: The Illinois Department of Agriculture plans to distribute \$3.6 million in fiscal year 2026 to support local food processing, aggregation, and distribution. Grant levels will vary, ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 for collaborative projects and from \$1,000 to \$75,000 for individual projects.



Eligible applicants include Illinois residents who store, process, package, aggregate, or distribute value-added agricultural products or plan to do so. These entities must meet one of the following criteria:

- an Illinois farm with fewer than 50 employees
- an Illinois cooperative with fewer than 50 employees
- an Illinois slaughter and/or processing facility with fewer than 50 employees. Slaughter and/or processing facilities must be USDA or state licensed or be a custom exempt slaughter and/or processing facility
- an Illinois food business with fewer than 50 employees
- an Illinois food hub with fewer than 50 employees
- an Illinois nonprofit organization
- a unit of local government in Illinois

To promote the growth of the local food industry, grant funding should be used for infrastructure related to processing, storage, aggregation, or distribution of value-added agricultural products. Interested individuals should pre-register with SAM.gov and the GATA Grantee Portal to prepare for the application process.

Illinois Pre-Apprenticeship Program: Some 39 recipients – supporting nearly 2000 people statewide – have been awarded over \$17 million through the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program. This Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity initiative aims to develop a diverse talent pool for construction and building trades.

Gubernatorial Appointments: Governor Pritzker appointed the following:

- Tiffany Mathis Posey will serve as a Member of the Illinois Finance Authority.
- Beverly Alfon Gordon will serve as a Member of the Labor Advisory Board.
- Mark Biel will continue to serve as a Member of the Labor Advisory Board
- Dr. Thomas Gleason will serve as a Member of the Illinois State Medical Board.

OTHER NEWS:

New Report Details Potential Impact of Data Centers: A new report from the Union of Concerned Scientists highlights the significant impact of data centers on Illinois' electricity demand. According to the report, by 2030, data centers could account for up to 64% of this demand, potentially leading to \$24 billion in costs for residents over the next 25 years without better ratepayer protections. Researchers also note that this growth could increase pollution from fossil fuel plants and reliance on out-of-state electricity. However, the report suggests that implementing stronger clean energy policies could provide substantial economic benefits, including \$2.8 billion in health savings and a reduction of \$112 billion in climate damages by 2050.

Vice President/Legislative Rep.; Randy Ramey

OTHER NEWS: Continued

2026 Election Update: Chicago Alderman Byron Sigcho-Lopez has announced his independent candidacy to replace retiring Congressman Jesus “Chuy” Garcia in the 4th district. He is now the second independent to join the race, following Garcia’s unexpected exit, which left Patty Garcia—Garcia’s chief of staff—as the sole Democrat on the ballot. Latino activist Mayra Macías is also running as an Independent. Independent candidates can start gathering petition signatures on February 25.



Thank you,

Randy

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Secretary: Amy Nelson



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

Membership Meeting Date: 1/20/2026

AGENDA

TIME Meeting Starts: 7:30pm

Attendance:

Chris Hansen		Randy Ramey		Chris Newman	X
Viper		Kathi Crowell	X	Steve Waltz	
Kley Abel	X	Mike Nicholson	X	Mark Garrison	X
Jordi Finegan	X	Nathan Klapatch	X	Horsepower	X
Amy Nelson					

Call To Order** Pledge of Allegiance, Lead by Vice President Randy Ramey **

New Members Welcomed!

Names of New Members:

Officer Reports

The officers of the board give their reports.

NE Region Coordinator:

GUEST SPEAKERS (if any)

DuPage County Undersheriff Eddie Moore running for Sheriff

Jim Zay, Incumbent, and Kathy Zander running for DuPage County Board District 6

Julie Berkowicz running for Illinois State Senate District 21

President - Chris Hansen

Not in attendance.

Vice President/Legislative - Randy Ramey

Early voting in person will begin on 2/5/26. Mail voting will also begin soon. The election will take place on 3/17/26. Keep an eye for information on the election by mail, on TV and other sources. The Primary is mostly Democrat candidates. There are 4 Republican Gubernatorial candidates. Half of the County positions and all State Representative positions are being voted on. Endorsements are being worked on over the weekend and should be coming out soon. Undersheriff Eddie Moore, Jim Zay, and Kathy Zander were introduced and given time to speak about their campaigns.

Membership - Mark Garrison

The new key fobs from State ABATE are motorcycle shaped but do not say DuKane on them. There was a discussion about items given to students in the past. This led to a suggestion to use older shirts on hand as prizes at schools. A motion was made by Mike Simko and seconded by Mark Del Monaco to use old shirts as prizes. The motion passed unanimously.

BOD State Representative - Kley Abel

No Report

Secretary: Amy Nelson

Events - Chris Newman

Chris welcomed Kathi and Jordi to the Board. Chris then thanked Mark and John for their time on the Board. Chris asked for help in getting the word out for the ABATE Bowling Classic on 3/15. Law Tigers has donated several prizes for the ABC event. He then announced Awareness Day will be 5/9 at 2 locations. Some upcoming events are Walneck's Swap Meet in Princeton on 2/8. The Illinois ABATE Swap Meet at the Illinois State Fairgrounds will be on 3/22. Legislative Day is 5/13. Chris reminded everyone ABATE patches were available for \$10.



PR/Webmaster - Nathan Klapatch

The webpage Event page has been changed. Events can now be added quickly and you will now be able to add them to your calendar singly or as a series of events.

Safety & Education - Steve Waltz Not in Attendance.

Road Captain: Viper Not in Attendance.

Treasurer - Kathi Crowell

All accounts have been matched what was expected. The 990s were sent to Paul Truax and approved. Mark Del Monaco was thanked for all his help by Kathi.

Independent Rep -Jordi Finegan

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? Chris Newman - \$41 Donated back to the chapter.

Motion Made IF ANY:

Name of Person that Made the Motion: Motion made by Mike Simko to accept the monthly Membership Meeting Notes from December 2025.

Second Made by:

Motion seconded by Bob.

Motion Info:

Motion approved the notes from December'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 Ken Crowell.

Motion Info:

Motion adjourns meeting.

Yes: 41 Members No: 0

Motion Carried?? Yes

Adjourn Meeting

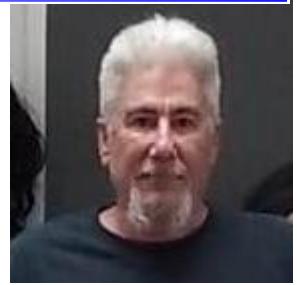
TIME ADJOURNED? 8:40pm

Membership: Mark Garrison

Welcome new members:
Sheryl Jungblut and Jett Hauger

Members expiring December 2025 and January 2026:

Patricia Triola, Desiree Reese, Dory Boswell, Jeff and Jane Beth West, Phil Taylor, Sven Davies, Judge James and Janice McCluskey, Robert Knorre, Chris Janis, Joe Palazzolo, Ray and Lisa Bachewicz, Stephanis Kifowit, and Kevin Riley



As Always, if you believe I have something incorrect, please contact me.

Thanks

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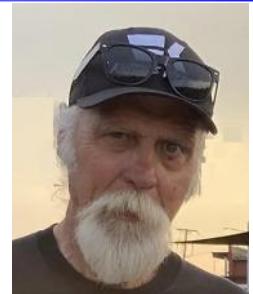
Horsepower has a few words:

Horsepower says it's almost time for spring DuKane products sale.

Watch this space, or see us at the meeting.

thanks,

Horsepower



Webmaster: Nathan Klapatch

Hey, everyone,

The new year has started, and I have a notable update regarding the website. I've added an event calendar that's more dynamic and flexible than our old events page. So instead of just showing our recurring events, I can be more flexible and add our one-time events, as well as other ABATE or motorcycling events as they come. Meanwhile, you can filter the events by date, view them as a list or calendar, and even subscribe to our calendar to keep track of our events and remind yourself when they're coming up! Overall, it's a better and more modern way of laying out and relaying our schedule.



Speaking of ABATE events, we had our annual ABATE State Seminar earlier this month. We had some special guests from ABATE of Iowa this year, and they were involved in some of the sessions this year. And, of course, we had some fun with them in a little arm wrestling competition, with ABATE of Illinois BOD members versus ABATE of Iowa BOD members! How well did we do? Well...I'll plead the 5th on behalf of our state.

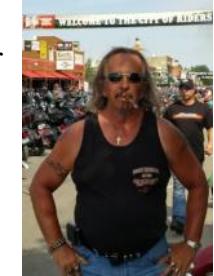
There was one session in particular that stuck out to me during that seminar. Being the PR coordinator, I found it fitting to attend the PR session, led by none other than State Coordinator and chapter President Chris Hansen. One of the topics he covered was how to properly try a new PR idea and see if it works. Usually, one can't just try something once and expect immediate success: sometimes, one has to try something repeatedly, even for a few years. It's likely that if the idea does produce fruit, it will take time and patience to notice. Another key takeaway is the importance of having multiple people involved in PR. Our chapter certainly does have multiple people involved in PR, including not only me, but also our chapter President and Events Coordinator. But the BOD isn't the only group involved in PR: everyday ABATE members are involved, too. In fact, if you've shared our posts on social media, shared our event flyers at shops or bars, or even promoted ABATE to a friend, you've helped with PR to some extent. And that's the way promoting an organization should work: the more people we have spreading the word about us, the easier it will be to inform others that we exist, to recruit new members, and to build a coalition that will continue fighting for motorcycle rights. So I owe a thank you to you all for promoting us and our events, and I urge you to keep doing so, or to start doing so even in small ways. And, of course, I'll be promoting this organization myself as the year goes on.

I hope to see you soon.

Nathan Klapatch

Education and Safety; Steve Waltz

Winter is really here, but spring is right around the corner, we hope. The final semester of the school year has started and we are back in schools this month talking about motorcycle safety. So far this year we have had one motorcycle fatality in the state for 2026. If you are still riding this winter remember that most drivers will not look for motorcycles when the weather is cold. As usual it is up to us to look out for ourselves.



Once again DuKane ABATE delivered more motorcycle safety presentations to drivers and future drivers than any other Chapter in the state for 2025. This is possible because of the commitment of Mark Garrison and Mike Bullis. Without their help it would not be possible to continue these numbers by myself.

See you at the next meeting February 17, 2026.

Steve Waltz
Safety and Education

Independent Rep 1: Jordi Finnegan



Hi everyone, my name is Jordi and I'm very excited to serve as your Independent Rep #1. I am fairly new to riding and still building experience, but am excited for the journey ahead and grateful for the opportunity to learn from so many knowledgeable riders in our chapter. My background as Marketing Manager at Chicago Harley-Davidson has given me the voice and skills to effectively share events and keep the riding community informed and engaged. I look forward to using my communication skills to promote our events and continue to bring riders together.

I decided to step into this role because I want to support motorcyclists' rights and help aid the mission of DuKane A.B.A.T.E. I not only am a fast learner, but I truly love knowledge. I am eager to share with others the great rides and events we host. Working alongside the board to spread the word of our chapter to increase representation in the motorcycle community is extremely important now more than ever.

Although I have only been a member of DuKane A.B.A.T.E for a short time, I have been able to see the important work of the chapter. Keeping members informed of new/upcoming legislation, educating

the youth of America, and hosting events that boost the community as a whole is critical in today's day and age. I am ready to be the mouthpiece of this chapter, sharing our events to the community, as well as helping out anywhere I can.

Thank you all for the warm welcome and support. If you see me at an event or a ride feel free to say hello. I am always happy to chat. See you on the road!

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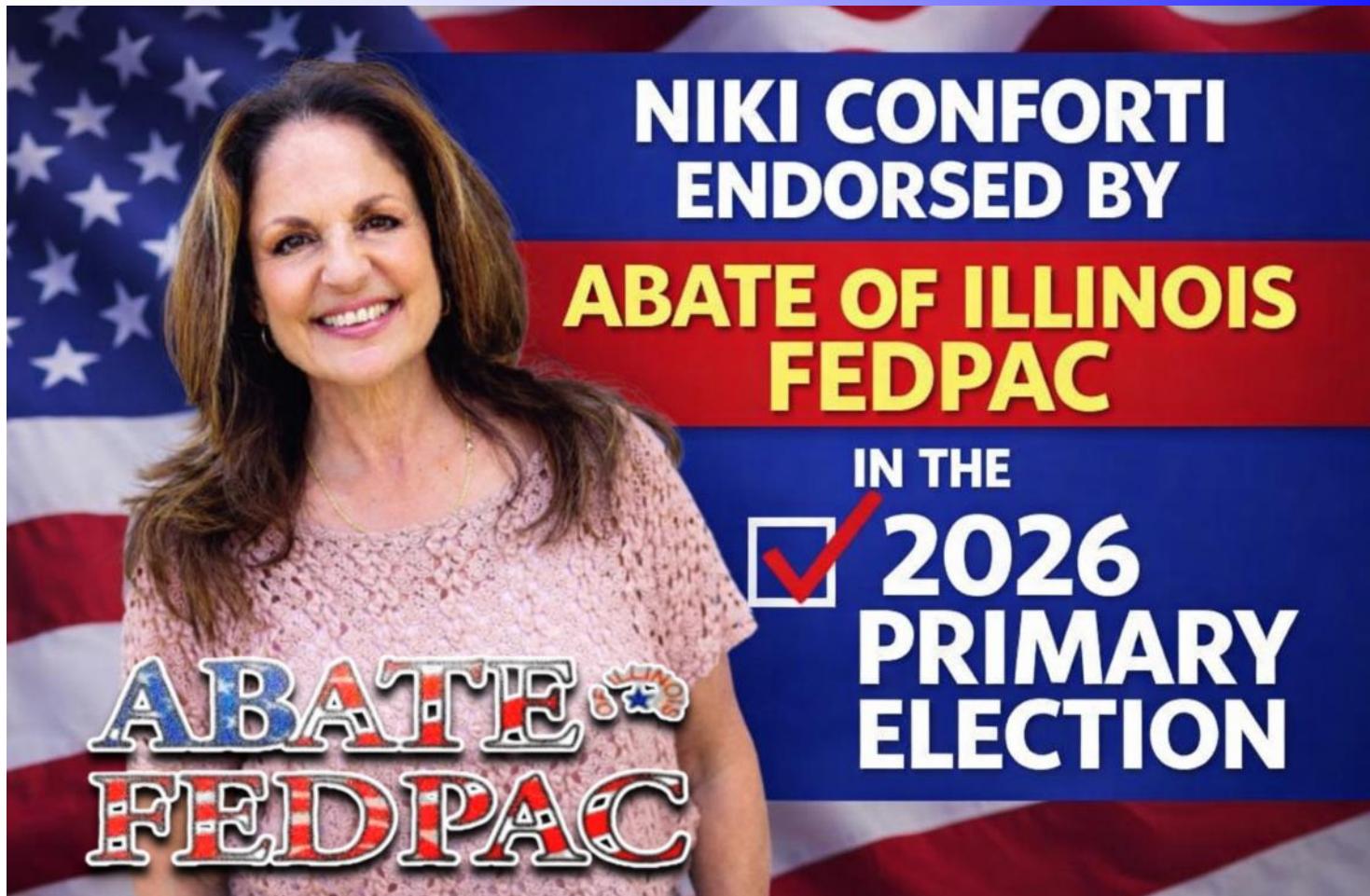
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Who I Am:

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

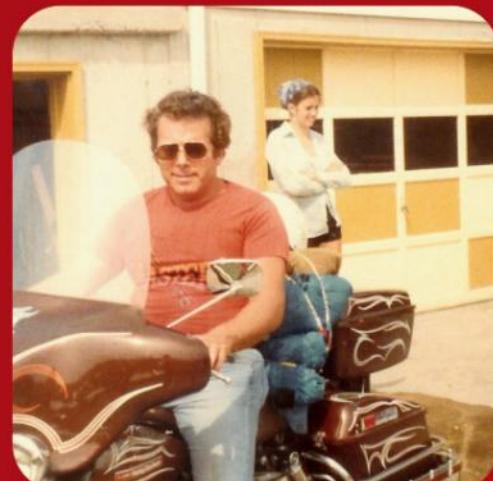
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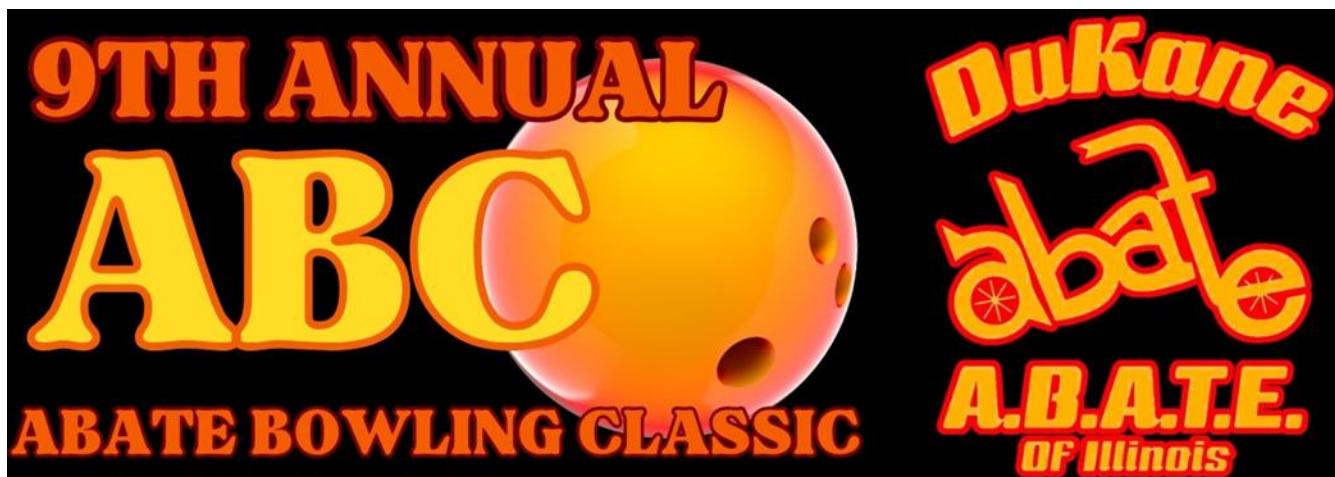
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Events: Chris Newman

Time to twist that throttle, 2026 is going to be a great year for ABATE! The weekend of January 16th, some of your DuKane ABATE Board of Directors and members attended the annual ABATE of Illinois State Seminar. The seminar was open to all ABATE members. It was awesome to see so many people there representing chapters from all across the state. There were several seminars with great information about what is new for ABATE in 2026. We are facing many legislative battles this year. I thank you for all of your help and support!



Save the date of March 15th for our 9th annual DuKane ABATE Bowling Classic. This annual event helps finance our DuKane ABATE Downed Riders Fund. It will be held at Bowlero in Glendale Heights. For a mere \$25 per person you get 2 games, shoe rental, and share a great time with great friends. For an additional \$10, you can compete in the 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament. There will be several most excellent door prizes provided by our sponsors. A 50/50 raffle will be held. We will have ABATE of Illinois State Motorcycle raffle tickets available. Bring your friends for a great afternoon of fun! See you there.

Events: Chris Newman



Chicago Harley-Davidson has announced their 2026 Bike Night Schedule. Join us for a great time representing DuKane ABATE at the premiere Bike Night in Chicagoland! They always have great bands rocking the stage and the finest food trucks around. Hundreds of riders on all sorts of machines are there every night. Meet with lots of DuKane ABATE members, great old friends, and make some new friends as well. Please come join in the fun, save the dates below. We could use some help promoting ABATE. Let me know if you are able to assist.

All Bike Nights will run from 6pm-9pm.

Wednesday April 15th

Wednesday May 20th

Wednesday June 17th

Wednesday July 15th

Wednesday August 19th

Wednesday September 16th

Wednesday October 21st

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

Events: Chris Newman

Will County ABATE Cabin Fever Party Stone City VFW, Joliet, IL	Saturday Feb 7th, 6:00PM
Chicago ABATE Chili Cookoff River Park Moose, River Grove, IL	Saturday Feb. 21st 12:00 to 6:00PM
Will County ABATE Triathlon Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon, Joliet, IL	Sunday March 8th
DuKane ABATE Bowling Classic (ABC) Bowlero, Glendale Heights, IL	Sunday March 15 th 2:00PM
Flat Out Friday Fireserv Forum, Milwaukee, WI	Friday February 20 th 7:00PM
Mama Tried Motorcycle Show Eagles Ballroom, Milwaukee, WI	February 21 st & 22 nd
Chicago World Of Wheels Cyclerama Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL	March 6th – 8th
36 th Annual Heartland STEAM Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN	March 20 th – 22 nd
Biker Sunday Warehouse Church, Aurora, IL	Sunday May 3rd
20 th Annual Ride Janie Ride Chicago Harley-Davidson, Villa Park, IL	Sunday May 3 rd , 8:30AM
Motorcycle Awareness Day AMOCO 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 13 th , 8:00AM
Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 2026 Woodstock, IL	Sunday, May 17 th

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Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run Grundy County Fairgrounds, Morris, IL	Saturday June 20 th , 10:30AM
Motoblot #13 Halstead and 35 th , Bridgeport, Chicago	June 19 th – 21 st
DuKane ABATE Bikini Bike Wash Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL	Saturday July 11 th , 11:00AM
10 th Annual Ride For John Location TBA	Saturday August 1 st
Elburn Days Parade Elburn Community Center, Elburn, IL	Friday August 21 st 5:00PM
Elburn All Wheels Show Elburn Lions Club, Elburn, IL	Sunday October 4 th , 8:00AM
40 th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run Knuckleheads Tavern, Elburn, IL Sycamore Speedway, Maple Park, IL	Sunday October 11 th 9:30 AM
Chicagoland Toys For Tots Parade Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago, IL	Sunday December 6 th , 9:30AM

Motorcycle Swap Meet Stuff

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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.

Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL	Sunday Feb 8 th , 8:00 AM
ABATE of Illinois Motorcycle Swap Meet Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL	Sunday March 22 nd , 8:00AM

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Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL	Sunday April 26 th , 8:00AM
ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL	Sunday April 28 th , 8:00AM
Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL	Sunday May 3 rd , 8:00 AM
Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet Grundy County Speedway, Morris, IL	Sunday June 14 th , 8:00AM
Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL	Sunday June 28th, 8:00AM
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Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL	Sunday August 23rd, 8:00AM
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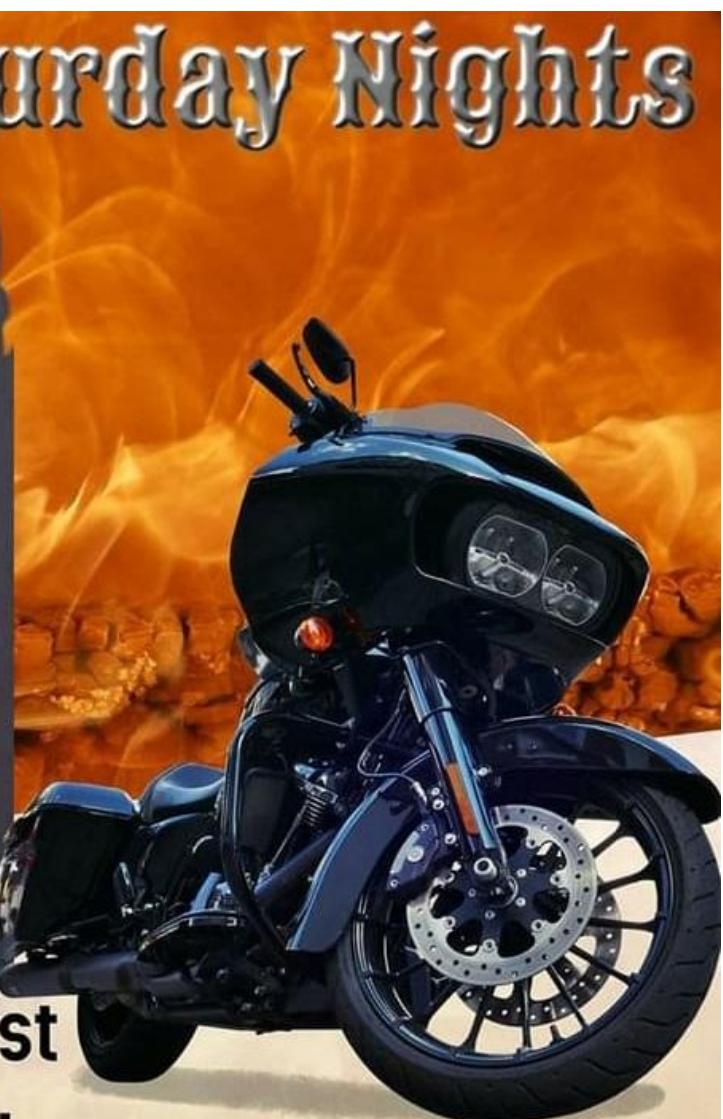


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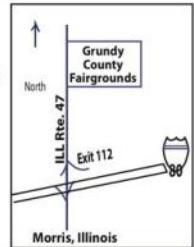


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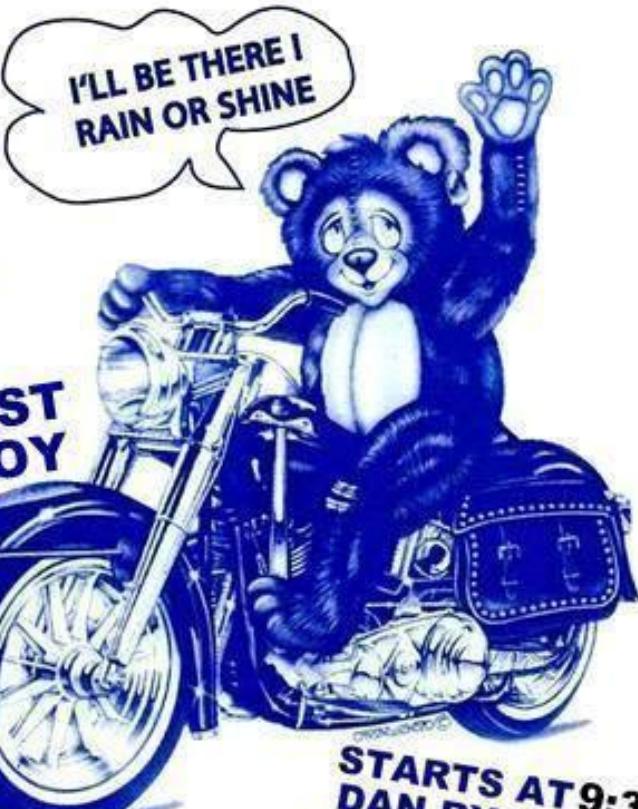
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