

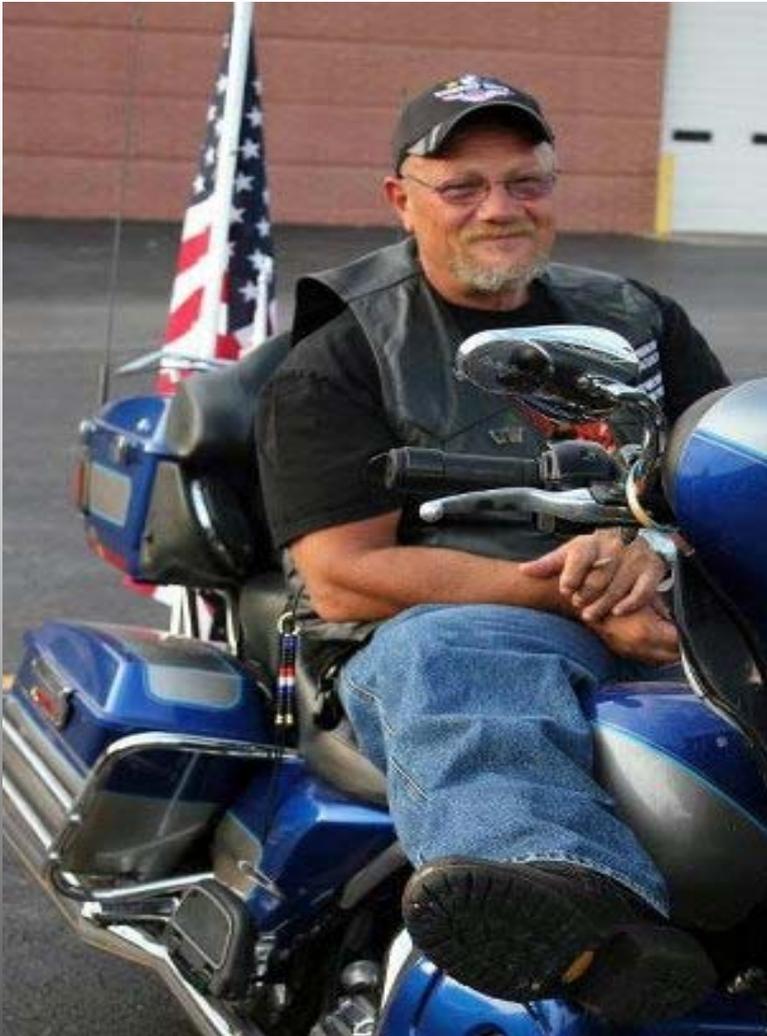
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President:

Dan

Some times we wish we could have a “do over” button and this past month has been one of those times. As you all know by now, we lost Ron to a drunk driver. There are so many things I’d like to say about him, but time doesn’t allow it. It was a sad couple of days but I am glad that so many of you came together to honor Ron, and help his family through their time of grief. You know who you are, and on behalf of our chapter, I say THANK YOU, and I am proud to call you friends.

Next month is our largest fundraiser and event of the year, the Hooters and Scooters run. September 8th leaving the post at 12:00 for a fun ride through the countryside to our final stops. Please come out for this and bring along a friend or two. See the flyer in this issue for more details.

Hopefully you are hitting lots of our book run stops and filling in all those

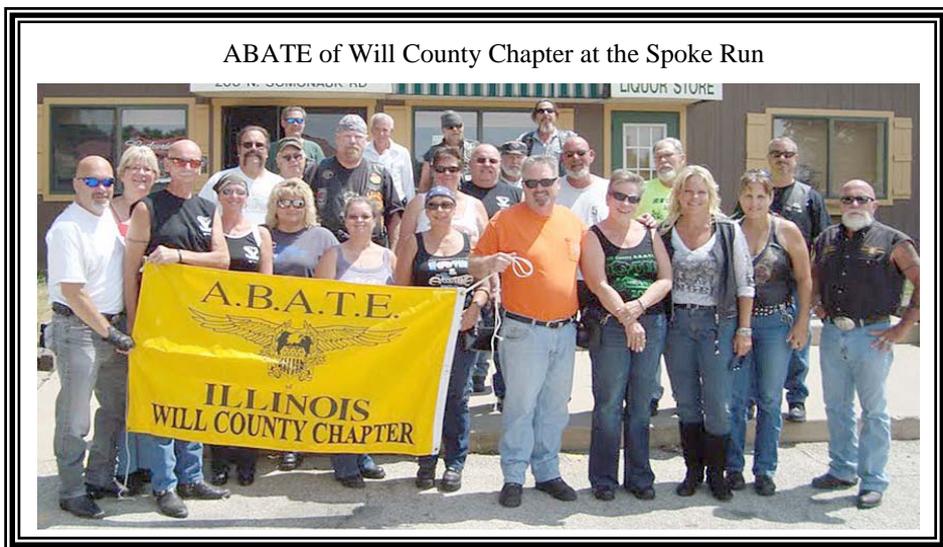
stamps. The book run party will be October 6th this year at the post.

Brian is monitoring the case against the accused driver in Ron’s case. He asks that we please refrain from saying anything in print or on the internet which could be seen in an unfavorable light by others outside our group. Brian is our voice in this matter, we’ll keep you advised of hearings etc, but let’s not get caught up in the rhetoric. I have had conversations with other chapter presidents in the NE Region and we are discussing options for whether we ask for stricter laws next fall. I’ll keep you advised. This is what ABATE does, we try to protect our rights and our riders, everything else is just fluff.

August meeting is the 15th, please try to make it as we will have a lot to discuss with upcoming events and we could use some help with volunteers. Thanks, ride safely, ride together and watch out for each other, it’s what Ron would want most.

Dan

ABATE of Will County Chapter at the Spoke Run





Vice President:

Pink

I'm sure I'm not alone saying I'm tired of getting news of losing family. (I consider my friends as family & I don't think I'm alone thinking that way) It reminds me of all of the family members that I have lost over the years. Some are lost to cancer and disease, others in motorcycle accidents and other horrible incidents. I feel guilty for not thinking of these people more often. After losing someone, for a while, it's like a piece of you missing. You think of them often, wishing you had one more chance to see them. Then you realize that you have to accept that you are never going to see them again. This is not an easy thing to do but as time goes on, you think of them less and less. Maybe when you're in a situation you would turn to them or you think how much they would enjoy

something that you are doing or planning. Sometimes you even forget that they are gone until you grab the phone to call them. Again you think why I can't have one more moment with them. The more time that passes, the more these thoughts fade until the person is nothing more than a distant memory that you are reminded of as you go through old pictures. I, like a lot of people think I have received this kind of news too many times, especially recently. I hope that everyone reading this stays safe and healthy. I don't want to receive any more calls like this in my life. I know that it's unrealistic, but if I'm going to wish for something, I might as well wish big. I am very grateful for my family & friends, especially those who have been in close calls and survived. I am thankful to still have them in my life. Always tell the people in your life how you feel about them or you may never get another chance.

Pink



Legislative:

Joan &

Brian



Hello Will County Chapter,
President Obama signed the Highway Bill that was passed by both houses of Congress on June 29. It continues the grant program for rider training and motorcycle awareness campaigns. Since 2005, this program has funneled over \$46 million into rider training and motorcycle awareness programs. This money can only be used for these purposes. For once, there was no attempt to include a nationwide helmet law in the legislation. Closer to home, SB2528, the trailer bill to the “red light” law, was signed by the Governor and became law effective July 6th. This requires a 2 minute wait before proceeding through a red light controlled by pavement sensors. We’d like to know if law enforcement gives anyone a hard time about going through a red light. We’re looking for members to attend fundraisers for pro-motorcycle candidates. Sometimes we don’t get much notice that tickets have been purchased, and it’s hard to get members who are available. These fundraisers

are an important way to keep ABATE front and center in the candidates minds and are a good way to meet several politicians at one time. For instance, Maxx, Helen and I went to a fundraiser for new State Senator Pat McGuire and I had the opportunity to speak with County Executive Larry Walsh, who also happens to be a past winner of the ABATE vest for outstanding pro-motorcycle legislative work, his son and 86th District State Representative Larry Jr., and Joliet Mayor Tom Giarrante. If anyone is interested in helping out, let Maxx or me know and we’ll get your contact information. Finally, we’re going to be watching closely as the driver who caused the crash (not “accident”) that took the life of our brother Ron makes his court appearances. We’ll be posting dates and times on Yahoo and Facebook as soon as we find out. We need to stay on top of this and get as many members as possible to attend the hearings. Stay vigilant!

*For Joan and myself,
Ride Safely!
Brian*

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RIDE THE 10th ANNUAL

Will County A. B. A. T. E.



RUN 2012

Saturday, September 8th

**Registration - Harwood American Legion Post #5
I-80 & Larkin Ave. Joliet IL**

**Lineup Starts At 10am - Last Bike Out At 12:30
\$15 Per Person / \$25 For Rider & A Passenger
Run Ends At The Silver Slipper, 7pm**

**\$7 Breakfast At The Post
8am - Noon**



Biker



Sunday



Date: September 23, 2012

**Times: 10:30 AM til? Rain or Shine
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SPECIAL MEMORIAL

ON JULY 14, 2012, OUR CHAPTER WAS SADDENED WITH A HEARTBREAKING LOSS. RON OSWALD WAS CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN.

HE WAS NOT JUST OUR FRIEND, OUR BROTHER, AND OUR ROAD CAPTAIN FOR SEVERAL YEARS; HE WAS ALSO A FATHER AND GRANDFATHER.

RON WAS VERY ACTIVE WITH WELCOMING HOME OUR MILITARY. HE LOVED DOGS, PEOPLE AND ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE.

WILL COUNTY ABATE WOULD LIKE TO WISH RON'S FAMILY OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES. RON WILL BE WITH US IN SPIRIT AND IN OUR HEARTS FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.

GOD SPEED BUDDY!!!



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

August 15 @ 7:30 General Meeting

Aug. 19, Lunch Ride

Meet At Harwood Post 11:30am

September 12 @ 7:30 Meeting / Cookout

(Bring a dish to pass) All are at the Harwood Post (I80 & Larkin)



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BOD State Representative:

Jackie Spivey

Hello my fellow bikers,
My report from the June
BOD meeting in Spring-

field:

BOD voted for each chapter to donate \$100 towards the maintenance on the bike raffle trailer and the products trailer. Each chapter that donates gets their chapter name on the side of the bike raffle trailer. Our chapter voted to donate the \$100 at the July meeting. August BOD meeting will be nominations for State Board Positions. Please contact me if you are interested in running for ANY of the positions, all

are open for nominations.

**STATE BIKE RAFFLE TICKETS:
MONEY & STUBS DUE AT AUGUST
15TH 7:30 PM AT THE POST.**

If you can't make it to the meeting and have money & ticket stubs to turn in give me a call and I will meet up with you: 815/693-1597. The drawing for the winners is Labor Day Weekend... Illinois Road Trip Books: I will be happy to turn them in for you if you need to, they are due in December, so I will have to turn them in at the October BOD Meeting... Which means that you would need to get them to me at the October 10 chapter meeting.

Ride Smart,

Jackie

BOD State Representative

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DEBORAH M
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JANET L
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JAMES M
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RON
MARIA
RANDY
BILL
ROBERT
JOSEPH
RICHARD N
GREG
PAULINE
ED
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K. D.
GENE E
GEORGE
PATRICIA
ROBERT
DOUG

September

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