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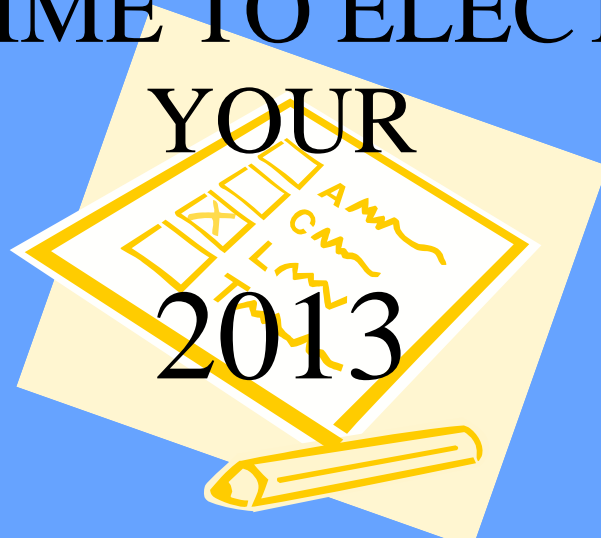


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WILL COUNTY A.B.A.T.E.

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We would like to take this
opportunity to say a big
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For those interested in receiving the newsletter online, It will be on the website the last week of the month. If you would like to be notified via email when it is posted, please sign up for our Yahoo group

(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/willcoabate/>)

This will also keep you up to date with legislative issues and Will County ABATE activities. If you are having problems joining the Yahoo group, please send an email to

pink_floyd67@comcast.net

and an invite will be sent out. This is the most efficient way to keep our members up to date with all of our information.



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State BOD Representative

By: Jackie

Hello Biker Friends,

Well, here is the Oct BOD meeting. The BOD nominations for officers-2013 are as follows:

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| State Coordinator- | Mike M |
| Assistant State Coordinator- | Scott G |
| Secretary- | Laurel S |
| Treasurer- | Julie B |
| Legislative- | Bob M |
| Safety & Ed- | Our very own,"Shy" Vi |
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| Products- | Terrie V |
| Newsletter- | Karla E |
| Public Relations- | Mary Jo H |
| Bike Raffle- | Bob D |
| Activities- | Our very own Barb |
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| SE Region Coordinator- | Mick E |
| WC Region Coordinator- | Don B & Co- Cap |
| | Kevin G |
| EC Region Coordinator- | Stacey R & Co- Larry |
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| NW Region Coordinator- | Bill C |
| NE Region Coordinator- | John B |

See Printed Version for Complete Names

State BOD Representative

Also, the BOD voted in favor of the 2013 Budget that the eboard recommended. In my eyes as your state rep, I didn't find anything wrong with the budget, and there wasn't any monies taken from our state savings, so for the most part, everything looks good for next year.

From the Non Preferred Vendors List, the Green Ribbon Rally has been taken off.

I have the 2013 State Bike Raffle Tickets & pictures, come see me after the meeting if you would like to buy some tickets. \$5.00/per chance & the chapter gets 5% back!!!!

Some dates to keep in mind:

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| Seminar 2013- | Jan 18-20 |
| Springfield Swapmeet- | Feb 17 |
| Legislative Day- | March 6 |
| Heartland Steam- | March 22-24, Peoria, Grand Hotel (Heartland Steam stands for: Seminar To Educate And Motivate, just in case you didn't know) This seems to be a very informative event, with, I believe, 7 states involved. I will try to get more information on this for everyone soon. |
| State Party- | June 20-22 (party starts on Thursday, ONLY \$5 more if you arrive on Thursday) |

If you have any questions feel free to contact me. Please come to the December general meeting and vote for your new officers for 2013.

RIDE SMART,
Jackie
Your State Rep



Legislative:

Joan L &

Brian W



Now that the elections are finally over, Will County ABATE and ABATE of Illinois really have our work cut out for us. The Democrats hold a veto-proof majority in both Houses of the Legislature, which makes it that much easier for anti-motorcycling bills to get passed, as well as pro-motorcycling bills. Senate President John Cullerton has been trying for years to get helmet legislation passed, and now it will be much easier unless we can reach our legislators and give them well-thought-out reasons why helmets alone are not the answer to the rising incidence of rider injuries. We need to be proactive and get the message across that crash prevention is preferable to safer crashing. So this year more than ever it's imperative that we get a good turnout for ABATE Legislative Day at the Capitol. It's on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 and we will have a signup sheet at the December and January meetings. It's our chance to meet our legislators face-to-face and promote our agenda. This year Will County Chapter had the biggest turnout, but we only beat Piasa Gateway Chapter by one member. Now they are challenging us and stating that they will have more members

in attendance than Will County Chapter. Since our Chapter rises to a challenge, let's see if we can get three van loads instead of two!

On the federal front, Illinois as a whole has lost a lot of Congressmen and -women who were friends of ABATE, and some of the people who will be replacing them are not only unfamiliar with ABATE and its' goals, they're downright anti-motorcycle. We need to reach out to them and try to educate them on the issues that we face. The MRF has already released its legislative agenda for this term of Congress. I've included some of the highlights below:

- Transportation Equity Act (TEA) upcoming reauthorization (the Highway Bill) - closely monitor for any action that would positively or negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists; oppose any motorcycling-related federal blackmails or federal sanctions contained in the bill; seek to include House Resolution 904 language to ban motorcycle specific roadblock federal grant funding
- Oppose the adoption of the SAE Roadside Sound Test as a national enforcement standard, this is considered by our SSMRO's to be a state-by-state issue at this time

- Continue monitoring the Federal Crash Causation study and the MSF Naturalistic study
- Strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems
- Continue to oppose federal agency activity regarding EPA Sound Emission User studies and the encouragement of state activity with federal resources—again deemed to be a state by state issue
- MRF will oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by a federal agency
- MRF to oppose any motorcyclist profiling legislation or rules this upcoming congressional session
- MRF to encourage additional federal research of E15 fuel related to use in a motorcycle prior to any recommendations; continue to seek recommendations on its use from motorcycle original equipment manufacturers
- MRF to actively pursue inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing Intelligent Transportations System (ITS) emerging technologies
- Continue to promote our theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, using the principles of House Resolution 1498 urging

NHTSA to focus on crash prevention and rider education

- MRF to pursue limiting funding of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for their increasing involvement in motorcycling safety issues

Pursue CDC lobbying ban, seek to remove any references where CDC suggests motorcycle crashes are preventable injury events

I've posted the entire MRF legislative agenda on the Will County ABATE Facebook page.

I strongly disagree with the MRF's opposition of the SAE Roadside Sound Test which has already been adopted by much of Canada plus the state of New Hampshire. It's a simple test, easy to administer, and much more lenient than the EPA standard. I'm afraid if we don't get behind it we will get stuck with something a whole lot worse.

Since this is the last newsletter of the year, I'd like to give credit to my Co-Legislative Coordinator for this year, Joan L. She did a lot of work behind the scenes, which most people did not realize, and I'm sure she will continue to be involved in the future, because she realizes how important legislative work is.

Now more than ever, we need to work together to make sure that motorcycling has a future!

Brian

Membership: Helen B

Hello All,
I wanted to get the membership list up-to-date before I gave you any numbers. We are currently at 398 members. Thanks for all of your hard work over the year with signing up new members. You have until the General Membership meeting to turn in any new applications that will count to-

wards 2012.

Hopefully everyone had a good Thanksgiving Day and weekend. December will be pretty hectic for everyone I am sure. Remember to vote in the December election for new officers. You can vote at the December general meeting or send in your ballot that is printed in the newsletter. Thanks everyone for a good year.



Safety and Education

By: John F

As of this writing, we have given our presentation to just about 725 people in just over 22 separate presentations. That's the official count from Laura M, our state S&E coordinator. That doesn't include the presentations from last month or the 51 students at Wilmington HS Freak presented to last week. Paul B will be giving our presentation to Plainfield North HS on December 14th and Minooka has contacted Freak about a presentation there.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel a presentation at Romeoville HS due to a health issue. The school understood and we should be back there in 2013.

By now, many people have winterized motorcycles, stocked up on

motorcycle reading material or started planning trips for next year, but what about your gear? It's a good time to look at the rest of your gear to make sure it's still serviceable. Check for rips or tears, areas of material (leather or synthetic) that are a bit worn or brittle from exposure to the elements. Check the seams to make sure they are still tight. Check the condition of the liners and retention systems in your helmets. Check your boots to make sure they are in good shape. Clean, condition and store your gear according to the manufacturer recommendations, so you know it's ready for spring or those mild winter days. If you check your gear now, you also have enough time to ask Santa for any replacements you might need.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Will County ABATE Member:

Elections for 2013 Officers will be held on **Wednesday, Dec. 12th, 7:30pm at the Harwood Post. Your vote makes a difference.** If you can't make it to the meeting, please use the absentee ballot on page 12.

1. Check one box per position.
2. Put this ballot into a *stamped* envelope and mail to:

***Will County ABATE Elections
P.O. Box 928, Plainfield, IL 60544.***

3. If there are two (2) people voting in the same household, please make a copy of the ballot and mail in *separate Stamped envelopes*.
4. Please write your name clearly on the envelope so the election team can verify that you are an active Will County member. Votes Are confidential. Only the election team will open the envelopes.
5. **Ballots must be received in our P.O. Box by 12/12/12 in order to be counted.** Late ballots will be discarded. The new officers' names will be posted on the website and in our newsletter.

Thank you for being a member of Will County ABATE!

Official 2013 Will County ABATE Officers Ballot

| Office | Vote |
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| President <u>Jim Ebersohl / VP Mike Cardilli</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Legislative <u>Brian Wendholt</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Safety & Ed <u>John Faulhaber</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| State Representative <u>K. D. "Mad Maxx" Meier</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Treasurer <u>Kim Fleming</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Secretary <u>Paul Burden</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Membership <u>Helen Bernier</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Relations <u>Walter "Freak" Kozielski</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sergeant-at-Arms <u>Brian Parrino</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Road Captain <u>Mike West</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Activities <u>Pam West</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newsletter <u>Pat Wendholt</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Merchandise <u>Sandi Ebersohl</u> (Write in) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

December 6 @ 7pm Officers meeting

December 12 @ 7:30pm meeting

(Officer Elections)

January 3 @ 7pm Officers meeting

January 9 @ 7:30pm meeting

January 12 @ 6-12pm Cabin Fever

January 18-20 State Seminar

(Springfield, IL)

All are at the Harwood Post (I80 & Larkin)

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See the printed newsletter for the names of members coming up for renewal