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WILL COUNTY A.B.A.T.E.
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Legislative Day!
March 4, 2015
Meet with our
Representatives in
Springfield, I L
Come to the February
11th Meeting for more
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our Legislative Guy
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President:

Mike Scovel

Hello freedom fighters of Will County! February is here already. I like this month because it's a short month & we put our hopes on an early spring on a ground hog named Phil! It will be warm before we know it.

The Cabin Fever Party went very well, thanks to Pat, Jo-Anne, & Helen. They did a fantastic job! The theme was Italian complete with checkered table clothes, even candles on the tables. If you weren't there, you missed some really great food from Fat Ricky's! We presented Mr. Ed with a special award for all his years of service to the chapter. He was overwhelmed to get this. For those who are new Mr. Ed has done our food for the chapter for years. Thank you again Ed!

The annual Triathlon (pool, bags, & darts) will be this month at Zelmo's. Watch our face book page for the date. That's always a fun time! You don't have to be good, just have fun!

Looking into 2015, we will have plenty on our plate from a legislative prospective. So if you can make it to Springfield on March 4th (Wednesday) for **Legislative Day**, please join us on that day.

I cannot stress how important it is to have lots of people there.

We are looking into updating and fixing our web site hopefully real soon. Our web site is so important for you our members so that you have a source to stay informed. Communication is so important so that we stay on the same page.

By the time you get this, John Faulhaber will have done safety and education classes at Plainfield South High School. Paul Burden is scheduled to do classes at Plainfield North High School on February 20th. If any of you would be interested in learning how to do these classes, we are always willing to teach you how to do them. The more people we have that can do them, the better. We always try to have 2 people instructing the class.

The month of May is just down the road. I want all of you to think who you could bring into the chapter in the next few months. There are 650,000 legal motorcycle riders in Illinois. Statewide our membership is just under 10,000. That's roughly 1 in 7. Think about what that means?

Legislative

Brian Wendholt

Here's a little counting exercise: let's count off 12 seconds. Easy, right? Think you could do it while reading or checking your email? Not quite so easy. In fact study after study has determined that the human brain can really only focus on one task at a time. Yet automakers, phone manufacturers, etc. have convinced everyone that they need a shitload of high tech equipment in their vehicles. And NHTSA, in yet another misguided attempt at doing something—anything—to appear effective, has urged these companies to create a campaign to inform drivers that 12 seconds is the maximum amount of time to take their eyes off the road to screw around with these gadgets. At 70mph, you've traveled the length of 4 football fields in that time. Feel very safe? The only thing that may save us from this stupidity is the fact that a new NHTSA Director has since been appointed. His background is in the study of fatigue and sleep deprivation, which certainly could be put to use at NHTSA.

NHTSA is almost ready to mandate V2V communications in cars. They say it can also be used by pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists and older ve-

hicles could be fitted with add-on devices. While it holds great promise in accident avoidance, there are a few reasons for concern. There's been no determination as to who owns the data, how it will be protected, if anyone will collect it, or if it will be sold. Even engineers working on V2V are concerned about data security. Ryan Gerdes, who received a grant from the NSF to study V2V security, says there's the risk of users broadcasting false traffic information in order to make their own route less congested; jamming to suppress the delivery of critical information (an attacker luring a driver into an ambush); and impersonating an emergency vehicle to get drivers out of their way. Worst-case could be someone hacking into a vehicle's system and taking control of the vehicle. And you thought the 12-second rule was scary!

At the Statehouse, the new Governor and Legislature have just started work. Hopefully they'll be occupied with fiscal and budget matters for a while, and will leave us alone. But we'll certainly have to watch, because screwy things can happen in Springfield in the blink of an eye!

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The International Motorcycle Show will be in Rosemont on February 13th to 15th. That's always a nice way to spend a cold day and dream of warmer days ahead.

Until next month,
Mike



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On that note, it's time to prepare for our annual trip to the Capitol to meet our lawmakers on their turf, so they can see that we truly are committed to our cause. We're pretty lucky, because the legislators in our area are pretty

much on board with most of our positions on things, so this trip is mostly to say "thank you" and to have some casual conversation with them at the Reception. It's on Wed. Mar. 4th. If you think you can go, please let me know right away so we can get a rough idea of our transportation needs. Oh—and I found the place with the dynamite pizza! It's only about 3 blocks from the Capitol.

Till next month, keep your eyes on your lawmakers.

Brian

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(<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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Road Captain

Jackie Spivey

Hello My Fellow Riders!

Thank you for writing me in as your Road Captain this year. I am honored and look forward to the challenge. I love to ride with all of you and I am sure it will be a great year of riding!

In case there are members who do not know me, I have been a member since our first meeting in 2003. (South suburban chapter before that) I have also served on our chapter board in the past, Secretary and also BOD Rep, now road captain, yay....

I don't have anything planned for us at this point but am working on it. I will be working with our activities coordinator to plan some rides to some of our

events (and maybe a couple of other places outside the box!) if anyone has any ideas, let me know; no promises, but I will do my best to get us to our destinations safely, while having FUN, which I believe FUN needs to be put in there somewhere, that's why we started the chapter.

Thank you for all members, and thank you to all who are involved with our chapter.

If you would like to email me any suggestions or ideas about places you may want to ride to this year, my email address is: Jackiefloratrader@gmail.com

Let's all be safe out there! Spring will be here before you know it!

I hope Lol Ride Smart, - Jackie



Look what you missed at
the Cabin Fever Party
& it was
AWESOME!

Activities:

JoAnne Nudelman

Hello and Happy 2015!

As the activities director for 2015, I want to start out by saying thank you for the nomination and election for this position. Next, I want to say thank you to everyone who helped out at the Cabin Fever Party and to all of you who came out for the party. I hope you enjoyed the evening!

Our next event will be the Triathlon and we are working on finalizing the details as I type this. It will probably be late February or early March. Watch for details on our Facebook page.

Book Run Committee: if you would like to help out with the 2015 Book Run please come to the post after the Board meeting on Feb 4th at 8pm

My questions for all of you:

What will it take to get you to come back?

What kinds of activities would you like to see our chapter doing?

What can we do to get your participation again?

Happy Holidays!!

JoAnne

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WILL COUNTY ABATE

WINTER TRIATHLON



*Coming March 1, 2015!
Check out our Facebook
page for more detail s.*

Mark Your 2015 Calendars

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

February 4, 2015 @ 7:00pm Officers meeting
Book Run Committee meeting after officers meeting

February 11, 2015 @ 7:30 General meeting

March 1, 2015 Triathlon

Check out our Facebook page for more details

March 4, 2015 Legislative Day

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March 11, 2015 @ 7:30pm General Meeting

All are at the Harwood Post (I80 & Larkin)

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January 2015

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JAMES		FOSTER
NADINE		HUGMEYER
CHIEKO		MAGGIO
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KEVIN	K	SMITH
JOE		VIOLA
NOELLE		VIOLA

February 2015

BRIAN		CLARK
SUSAN		CLARK
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PAUL		IZRAL
GENE		KIBBEY
KENNETH	H	KILLIAN

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KATHIE		LUBBEN
BILL		MITCHELL
JOHN		POLICANDRIOTES
CHERYL		UPSHAW
TIMOTHY		ZAWADA

Membership

Helen Bernier

At the November General Membership meeting the members voted to set aside some money to try to increase our membership. We will be forming a smaller committee to see what we can do this coming year to increase our numbers and get more participation from all of our members. If anyone is interested in being a part of this committee please

contact me at helen@willcoabate.org.

We would also like any and all suggestions from our 300 members with any ideas that the committee can use. Please send me an email with your ideas. We will also be meeting after the Board meeting on February 4th, approximately 8 PM for any volunteers.

Thanks and be well.

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