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The mission of the Will County Chapter and A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois is to preserve the universal right to a safe, unrestricted motorcycling environment.

**Dedicated to Freedom of the Road
Let Those Who Ride Decide!**

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This Month's Highlights

- Please try to patron our advertisers. They will appreciate the biker business.
- The new Will County ABATE website is up and running (www.willcoabate.org). Check it out and bring your comments and suggestions to the next general meeting.
- Independence Day is just around the corner. Take a moment to remember the **FREEDOMS** that we have as U.S. citizens. *Thank our soldiers who have defended this great nation on our behalf!!*

Next General Membership Meeting
Sunday, July 12th – 12:00noon
at Harwood Post
Cookout – Bring Dish to Pass

Road Captain: Ron

Hi everyone. Hope you're getting some good riding in between all the rain. All this talk about global warming, okay, where is it? Just kidding. Don't want any hate mail.

I am looking for people to help me on the Hooters & Scooters Run with sign up, possible road captains and ideas on how to make the run as safe as we can for all riders. I am also looking for anyone with the scissor pop-up tents that we can use for the sign up. I will

have a signup sheet at the next meeting so think about helping me. In the mean time, anyone can call me and leave your name and phone number and I will call you back. We will have a meeting of our own to get things rolling - most likely at the end of July to toss around ideas.

Ride safe,

Ron
Road Captain

Activities: Sharyl & Brenda

Busy, busy, busy! Runs and book stops and travel and work. What a great summer this is starting off to be. We've had great fun so far at the Chicago Spring Fling, the So. DuPage Topless Tour and the Arrowhead Valley Hawaiian Run. We have taken the flag in four out of five events so far. Our numbers are growing and growing. It's great! Everyone is really noticing Will County big time. That's awesome! Thanks to all who are coming out to participate, and for

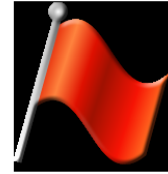
those of you who haven't as of yet, what are you waiting for?

Just a reminder too, our July membership meeting is on the 12th at the Harwood Post. It is a cookout and it takes place at noon. We are asking that everyone please bring a dish to pass. We will see you all there. Ride safe, ride often and ride free.

Brenda and Sharyl
Co-Activities



NORTHEAST REGION 2009 FLAG EVENTS*



<p>JULY 17TH – 19TH (FRI – SUN)</p>	<p>SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAPTER HELMET ROAST \$20 ADVANCE/\$25 GATE GLENWOOD RV RESORT – MARSEILLES, IL GATES OPEN AT 11AM – PARTY STARTS AT NOON</p>
<p>JULY 25TH – 26TH (SAT – SUN)</p>	<p>DUKANE CHAPTER PORKY PIG RUN \$25 PER PERSON <i>MUST BE 18 OR OLDER</i> WINNER'S CIRCLE BAR & GRILL SYCAMORE SPEEDWAY—MAPLE PARK, IL SIGN UP STARTS @ 10AM LAST BIKE OUT @ 12PM</p>
<p>AUG 22ND (SAT)</p>	<p>WESTGATE CHAPTER 2ND ANNUAL ELLEN MITCHELL MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR</p>
<p>SEPT 12TH (SAT)</p>	<p>WILL COUNTY CHAPTER HOOTERS & SCOOTERS \$15 PER PERSON <i>MUST BE 21 OR OLDER</i> HARWOOD POST – JOLIET, IL REGISTRATION STARTS @ 11AM FIRST BIKE OUT @ 1PM</p>
<p>OCT 24TH (SAT)</p>	<p>NE REGION PACTOBER FEST LEO'S—ROMEOWILLE, IL 7PM</p>

* Events are subject to change.
Please check county chapter websites for updates.

Legislative: Brian

Greetings, Will County ABATE!

Well, anyone who thought that getting rid of Blagojevich would usher in a new spirit of cooperation and bipartisanship in Springfield must be thoroughly disgusted by now. No capital funding bill; threats of mass layoffs and cuts in social services, law enforcement, school funding; you name it - same gridlock and stalemate as before. Gov. Quinn can't get any support for his income tax hike and the Democrats are accusing the Republicans of blocking the spending bills. They conveniently ignore the fact that Democrats have enough votes to pass anything they want, IF they could ever agree on anything. Two bills of interest to us did get passed by both houses, however. **HB071** - forbids the use of "personal communication devices" in a moving vehicle. In other words, NO TEXTING. Use of GPS's or navigation devices is allowed and commercial or law enforcement vehicles are exempted. **HB072** - Prohibits use of cell phones in school zones or highway construction zones unless the phone is hands-free.

Rep. William Black is still trying to

get HB073 (the Negligent Vehicular Homicide bill) moving. He hopes to get an amended version passed during the fall session. Rep. Emily McAsey (85th Dist.) is a cosponsor - so it wouldn't hurt to call her and voice your support for the bill.

While I'm on the subject of negligence, you've probably heard that the Lake County State's Attorney hasn't brought any charges against Lora Hunt yet. She's the driver who was painting her nails while driving and killed motorcyclist Anita Zaffke. The State's Attorney is trying to see if it's possible to file more serious charges than failure to reduce speed. If he charges her with a less serious offense and she pleads guilty, that's it, case closed. He's really trying to make more serious charges stick.

As for federal legislation, the House Transportation Committee is still drafting the Transportation Funding Bill. Chairman Jim Oberstar has met with the MRF concerning this bill, and it's going to be a biggie - about \$550 billion over five years. The problem is, they only have Gasoline Tax receipts for about \$250 billion and the authors of the bill don't want to resort to borrowing or deficit

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spending. Say what?!? A self-funded bill? I don't think there's been one of those in 40 years! But seriously, the current bill expires on Sept. 30th, so there will no doubt be extensions to the current funding until the new bill gets voted on. One of the ideas to come up with the money for the new bill is a VMT tax (vehicle miles traveled). Every vehicle would have an onboard computer that

would "talk" to the pump and calculate the miles driven since the last fill-up. Larger vehicles would pay more and lighter vehicles (like motorcycles) would pay less. Of course, the technology needed to do this would be very expensive, so they would need to figure out a way to pay for it. Keep up the fight!

Brian
Legislative Curmudgeon

Public Relations: Ken

Hi, from your PR guy. Man, July already. Where is summer? Still have "Start Seeing Motorcycles" signs at a low price of \$4. Hurry while supplies last.

Remember, July 12th meeting cookout - we are inviting mayors and local politicians to thank them for all their help in the past and future. So, please come out say thank you - because of them we have a right to wear a helmet or not (freedom to choose). This is our way to say thanks to them. Please respect them. Keep it light.

They need time off too.

We won a few flags already. Doing good. Watch out for your brothers and sisters. Keep up good work. Ride safe and free.

Just remember, let us lead by example. Stay off the phone, keep from doing other distractions and drive safe. We don't our name in the papers.

Please support our newsletter ads and Rubin Brown (biker bucks). This is how we can fight for our cause.

Kenny

Membership: Helen

I want to thank everyone for sending in your address changes. Last month we only received a few returns. GOOD JOB!

As you can see we have a long list for June and July of renewals. Quite a few are from the applications that we got from Rich's Yamaha. So come July 1st we might see our numbers go down and then again August 1st. I will send out renewal notices and if you know someone please remind them.

Thanks everyone and enjoy the weather.

MOST WANTED

**PLEASE SEE PRINTED NEWSLETTER FOR COMPLETE LISTING
OF RENEWALS OR CONTACT HELEN!**

UPCOMING EVENTS*



July 2009

- 1 Board Meeting: 7:00pm @ Harwood (Wed)
- 12 General Membership Meeting: 12noon @ Harwood (Sun)
Cookout—Bring a dish to pass.
- 12 Peotone Swap Meet: 10-4pm (Sun)
- 17-19 South Suburban's Helmet Roast @ Glenwood RV Resort:
\$20 advance/\$25 gate (Fri-Sun) 🇺🇸
- 18 ABATE of IL e-Board Meeting (Sat)
- 25-26 Dukane Porky Pig Run @ Sycamore Speedway: Sign Up @
10am, Last Bike Out 12pm, \$25 per person (Sat-Sun) 🇺🇸
- 26 CASA Thunder in July—Cruise for the Kids @ Sara's Place:
Sign Up @ 9:30am, 1st Bike Out 11am, \$25 Single/\$30 Double
Rider (Sun)



August 2009

- 5 Board Meeting: 7:00pm @ Harwood (Wed)
- 3-9 Sturgis Week
- 12 General Membership Meeting: 7:30pm @ Harwood (Wed)
- 15 ABATE of IL e-Board & BOD Meetings (Sat)
- 22 Westgate Chapter: Magical Mystery Tour (Sat) 🇺🇸

September 2009

- 2 Board Meeting: 7:00pm @ Harwood (Wed)
- 9 General Membership Meeting: 7:30pm @ Harwood (Wed)
- 12 Will County Hooters & Scooters Run @ Harwood Post: 🇺🇸
Sign Up @ 11am, 1st Bike Out 1pm, \$15 per person (Sat)
- 19 ABATE of IL e-Board Meeting (Sat)



*Check relevant websites for updates to the calendar.

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