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"Out-spoken"

South Suburban ABATE



Blizzard Hits area... South Suburban throws Beach party

WOW ...what a night, Lots of fun and people came out of the wood work. A good time was had by all.

We had 70 people come out & party with us. From which we signed-up (3) renewals and (1) new member. It was great to see our friends from the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom run. Our fellow ABATE chapters were represented from River Valley and DuKane. We also welcomed folks from the S&S Crew and appreciate the great music By JR. Garza.

I also want people to know we were listening and we know we have a way to go on these events.

Better Decorations, Raffles, and door prizes are some of the improvements we'll be working on as we grow this event.



South Suburban's own 'Honda' Ed At the Beach Party Blizzard

What's Happenin':

- Chapter Board meeting
4/2 7:00 pm
- Chapter meeting -
4/16 7:30pm
- Bunny Bar Hop -
4/18 (details forthcoming)
- May Awareness Ride
5/16
- "Big Bikes Big Hearts"
Parklawn Run
5/17

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Why We're Here....

ABATE has done a lot of good over the years... makin' sure the decisions about WHAT and HOW you ride, are left up to the rider... NOT the government.

That work isn't over. Here's a few items that we're currently supporting and could use YOUR help with. (we're talking a couple phone calls or emails)

Auxiliary Lighting bill (HB 3944)- Allows riders the choice to have the under tank and side mounted lights/LEDs on when riding. It helps us be seen.

Blue Dot taillight bill(HB 4105)- These have been popular for years with bikers & hot rodders. Just like our Auxiliary Lighting bill, it would eliminate the chance of being pulled over and ticketed for having them.

Comprehensive Study on E-15 fuel (HR 0021)- Ethanol can cause a lot of damage to engine & fuel system components. This is especially true in older bikes & those the manufacturer didn't



Why We're Here....(continued)

specifically design to run with the higher concentrations being mandated by law in the near future.

ABATE wants a comprehensive and INDEPENDENT study done to see how these fuels will affect our bikes safety and operability.

If you would just send an email or make a phone call supporting any one of these bills, it can make a difference. If you've got questions about who your legislator is ... no problem. Mike Donahue (Legislative Rep.) or one of the other chapter officers can help

you out.



It's great when you see that you don't need to be a large corporation or rich donor, in order to have an impact on the laws being written.

Keep up the good fight.



Fuel line damaged by Ethanol

What is "Vision Zero" & Why Should I Care??



Congress looks at Vision Zero

(excerpts taken from MRF newsletter, see full text at: www.mrf.org/2015/news_release/15NR06.htm)

Vision Zero is the concept that it is possible to drop the fatalities within the road transportation community to zero and that it should be done at all cost. Vision Zero plans are lofty and admirable, but the approach is just not plausible.

At the core of Vision Zeros philosophy, life and health can never be exchanged for other benefits within the society, rather than the more conventional comparison between costs and benefits, where a monetary value is placed on life and health, and then that value is used to decide how much money to spend on a road network towards the benefit of decreasing how much risk.

The plan also places human life and health as a priority over mobility and other objectives of the traffic system. It also describes how we should build roads with no possibility of a side or frontal impact, and prohibition to use those roads on more vulnerable road users.

Another part of plan is speed limits; **should the plan be adopted in full American speed limits would plummet to 19 miles per hour in areas where there is contact between pedestrians and cars, and 43 mph for all other roads.** The creators envisioned a slow moving, padded fantasyland right at home in a Disney movie, not the real world.

Last week Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced H.R. 1274, a bill that would make money available to local governments to develop and implement Vision Zero plans. **A mandatory national helmet law would just be the jumping off point. Make no mistake that the full implementation of Vision Zero in America would eliminate motorcycling as its known now.**

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Making "Life behind Bars" fun!

Find us on the web at:
www.ss-abate.org



Join us for our
Bunny Bar Hop & Adult Easter Egg Hunt
April 18th
(more details soon)



**Michelle has nabbed herself a
leprechaun**

South Suburban Welcome Spring with St. Paddy's Rides

South Suburban once again participated in both the Tinley Park Irish Parade & the Oak Park Fleadh Parade.

We were well represented with members of the Ernie's, AMVRO, and the S&S Riders joining us. With warmer weather coming we hope to see more of you joining us for these... bring

the family!

The parades are an opportunity to expose our organization to other riders and the communities that we live and ride in.

Remember being a member of ABATE only shows that you support the rights of those who ride. It doesn't matter what group, organization, or club you belong to; motorcycle laws that get passed affect everyone the same. No matter what you ride or what is say's on your back.

From the Prez-

The first three months have been interesting and the growth we are starting to see with returning members and new members is not going un-noticed. Each month we are planning more events and looking at new venues. All with one thing in mind, Riders Rights, your Rights. Remember your rights can be lost with the stroke of a pen. But they won't be taken with fanfare, Rights are taken away silently and slowly. You won't miss it or may not even know about it until they are gone.

That is why it is important to be heard and stand together. Remember ABATE is for Rider Rights, it doesn't matter what you ride or what's on your back.

Keep it safe out there.

Dennis "BisKit" Byron

A.B.A.T.E of ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member (1) _____ (2) _____ Renewal (1) _____ (2) _____ Membership # (1) _____ (2) _____ Date _____
Original Date Joined (if renewal) (1) _____ (2) _____ Chapter Preference _____
Name (1) _____ (2) _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ County _____
E-Mail Address: (1) _____ (2) _____
Congressional District _____ Senatorial District _____ Representative District _____ Registered Voter (1) _____ (2) _____
Date of Birth (1) _____ (2) _____ Occupation (1) _____ (2) _____
Completed a MSF Course (1) _____ (2) _____ Where did you hear about ABATE? _____

I understand that A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois cannot assume responsibility for my safety and that if I participate in any sanctioned event, I do so voluntarily, assuming all risk; I release and hold A.B.A.T.E. harmless for any injury or loss to my personal property which may result there from. I understand this means that I agree not to sue A.B.A.T.E. for any injury resulting to myself or my property at any event. I agree to comply with the Bylaws and act in the best interest of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. A copy of ABATEPAC's report is or will be filed with the State Board of Elections, Springfield, IL.

Signature(s) _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES:	\$25.00 PER YEAR SINGLE	\$45.00 PER YEAR COUPLE
• MONEYSAVER SPECIAL:	\$100.00 - 5 YEARS / SINGLE	\$180.00 - 5 YEARS / COUPLE
• ABATEPAC SUPPORT:	Add \$1.00 per year to above dues amount to support legislative contributions.	

*** \$2.00 of each member's dues is allocated to lobbying expense ***

Amount \$ _____	Check enclosed.	Charge to:	Visa	Mastercard	Discover
Credit Card No. _____	Exp. Date: _____	Signature _____			

(Credit Card Registration can be faxed to A.B.A.T.E of Illinois at (309) 343-6387)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE & MAIL TO: ABATE of ILLINOIS - South Suburban Chapter
PO Box 142 - Tinley Park, Illinois 60477 • MUST BE 18 TO JOIN

TEMPORARY RECEIPT - ABATE OF ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP
Cut or tear along dotted line. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.
This is your receipt until you receive your membership card.

Name(s) _____

Amount Paid \$ _____ Date Paid _____

Application taken by: _____