

St. Clair County A.B.A.T.E. Chapter

February 2011



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St. Clair County A.B.A.T.E. Chapter

Meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:00PM
At the Elks Lodge in Fairview Heights.

February 10th

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Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 2,103.84
Credits.....	\$ 220.00
Debits.....	\$ 606.01
Ending Balance.....	\$ 1,717.83

Tina Carter

From The Prez-

Update on the chapter newsletter debate – hard-copy vs. e-mailed only copy...inside you will find a page concerning this that lists an e-mail address that allows you to inform us of your preference. If you want to receive the newsletter by e-mail only respond to that address. If not, you don't need to do anything and you will continue to receive the newsletter both in the mail and through ABATE yahoo groups. This is being done to make the letter a little more efficient. For those wishing to have the letter mailed to them, it is not a problem...it is a part of what's done here at ABATE to help keep membership up and the chapter informed across the board. If you think you might be able to help in some way with the newsletter, please contact T J Miles, newsletter editor. Putting the letter out is the most important job in the chapter and the most time consuming...I know he can use the help.

We do ask that you try to sell and ad or two, in order to help defray costs to the chapter. The newsletter is the single biggest monthly expense for the chapter, but well worth the investment since, as stated before, it is also the most important thing this chapter does, on a local level, for the membership. I recently forwarded, to our yahoo group site, an e-mail sent out by Sheila G. concerning the extent to which membership dropped once the newsletter was cancelled, and how it picked back up once the newsletter came back. I think that says volumes about the importance of this newsletter. Also, if planning to sell an ad, please take note in this month's letter of ad rates.

We have the Chili Cook-off coming up at the end of the month and the chapter's 20th anniversary party, in May...so, mark these on your calendar and support your local ABATE organization.

We had a good turn-out at last month's meeting and hope to see more of you at the next one Feb. 10th.

See ya there...

Ron Carter

President / St. Clair County Chapter of ABATE

Well it seems that some members of the General Assembly don't have anything better to do so they want to interfere with your "Right To Pursue Happiness"

This day greets you with 5 HELMET BILLS ranging from Senator Silversteins bicycle Helmets/safety seats (SB0055) and HELMETS for skiers (SB0057) to Rep. Mary Flowers YOUTH BAN on ATV's (HB0292) and (2) Helmet Bills (HB0285) for under 26 yrs of age and (HB0290) a total Helmet Bill to cover everyone.

Attention members: Mary Flowers of the 31 Representative Dist. filed the first Helmet Bill for 2011.

It is HB0290 and it requires everyone to wear a helmet.

It has not been assigned to a committee and when it is time to take action I will let you know.

UPDATE: Kids Just Want to Ride Act, H.R. 412, Introduced!

On Jan. 25, Representative Denny Rehberg (MT) introduced H.R. 412, the Kids Just Want to Ride Act of 2011, which would exempt kids' off-highway vehicles (OHVs) from the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008 that effectively bans their sale beginning May 1. The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) strongly supports this bipartisan effort and is urging everyone to contact their Representative to become a cosponsor today.

H.R. 412 is the most promising and viable legislative remedy available to permanently exclude kid-sized motorcycles and ATVs from the unintended consequences of the CPSIA.

The AMA thanks the countless concerned enthusiasts that have already contacted their Representatives to support this legislation. However, we are facing a fast-approaching May 1 stay of enforcement deadline and you must continue to contact your member of Congress to help the Kids Just Want to Ride Act of 2011 move toward passage.

You and everyone you know that is concerned with the future of youth riding needs to contact your Representative and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 412, the Kids Just Want to Ride Act of 2011.

To Contact Congressman Costello
Belleville Office, 618-233-8026
Washington D.C. office, 202-225-5661

Thanks
Mike G

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ
Putting Newsletter Debate to Bed

This page is to determine if you wish to receive **ONLY** an e-mailed version of the St. Clair Co./ABATE Chapter newsletter or if you wish to have a hard-copy mailed to you at home via the USPS.

If you wish to receive only the e-mailed version please respond by sending an e-mail stating so to:

st.clair_abate@yahoo.com

this E-address is being used for this purpose only

Those wishing to get a hard-copy mailed to them (and we are HAPPY to do so) then just ignore this.

To all who respond, you will no longer get a hard-copy mailed to you. If you continue to receive one in the mail, contact TJ Miles, newsletter editor (see inside sheet of newsletter for contact info)

This is being done to streamline the letter and cut costs. In no way is it being done to influence you one way or the other. So, please be honest in your response, whatever it is.

*Note to members – please check out new ad rates taking effect March 1st, 2011. Sell an ad or two and help to make sure you will continue to receive the St. Clair Co. Chapter newsletter

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**St. Clair A.B.A.T.E.
1st Annual
Chili Cook-Off**

**Feb 26, 2011 (Sat)
Noon - 4pm**

Driftwood Inn

4439 State RT177

Okawville, IL 618-243-5218

Sign-up 11am-Noon
{ mild, medium, hot }

Auction 4pm

Chili Winner Announced & Awards at 5pm

All proceeds go to ABATE FED PAC



Sticking Together

Bob Myers and Mike Gallagher have let us in on the plans of the Illinois Legislature. 5 more helmet bills and or restrictions on riding! Really!?! Now is the time to get earnest about our mission. This is a good challenge!

Our name says we are a brotherhood. We are not a brotherhood of MC's or RC's but a brotherhood of individuals who may or may not members of any riding group. We are not just a brotherhood of Harley riders. We are not a riding club nor a group of elitists bikers. We are an open brotherhood of men and women who love motorcycling and want to keep it that way. I trust we love it in every form from racing to touring, from rat bikes and bobbers to chromed out Gold Wings or Ultra Classics, from dirt bikes and ATV's to the sport bikes, two-wheeled, three-wheeled and four-wheeled! We love motorcycles.

We need every motorcycle lover to get on board with us this year. Our leadership looks to be getting pretty tight and driven. Let's stick together, watch out for each other, stay focused and bring every biker/motorcyclist to see the truth. Join the cause! For the brotherhood!

Pastor Doug White
Honorary Chaplain

Farewell From the Newsletter Editor

Due to work, family and other conflicts, I will no longer be able to serve as the newsletter editor or plan and organize our events for 2011 as I did in 2010. It has been fun and I wish everyone in our chapter the best on future endeavors. I will participate in our monthly meetings as much as possible.

T.J. Miles



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