

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



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Did you Know?

The reason we don't have a helmet law in IL is due to Rich Neb, a previous ABATE member. He put up his business to fight for this.

Currently, there are **only 4 states** that do not have a helmet law in effect.

The federal government is slowly taking our "Freedom of Choice" away from us. We continue to fight to prevent ridiculous ideas such as Seat Belts, Emergency Brakes, Body brace for Head and Torso, Noise restrictions etc;

Bottom line - We need your support and help to fight for our "Freedom of Choice" by being involved in both growth of the chapter and events we have scheduled in 2008.

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 Hieghts.

This month's meeting is January 10th

Hope to see you all there

Presidents Corner:



Very low turnout of meeting. For Christmas dinner and have a social at Show Me's appetizers. Wish more than 12 the meeting and could have joined in the fun. For the meeting, we had an informal chat since not enough members attended the meeting and we didn't have a quorum for the second month in a row. Some great ideas were discussed:

members for the December 13th we elected to grab some food and enjoyed wings and members would have made it to

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1. Activities – Ideas for 2008 - 2 Progressive Dinner Rides, Christmas in July party, mystery run, scavenger hunt, a combined event with another club on a Saturday night. Mark your calendars for the following dates:
 - a. June 13th – Progressive dinner ride
 - b. July 19th – Christmas in July party
 - c. August ? – Possible Motorcycle Scavenger Hunt or Free Mystery Run
 - d. Sept 12th – Progressive dinner ride
2. Newsletter – Sonny needs our support so please send him your reports and let him know of any advertisers that may be interested. Peggy Villiger said ROHO wants to sponsor \$120/year.
3. Need ideas as to how we can get more members to show up for meetings. Some suggested ideas are:
 - a. To have a monthly drawing. Put \$5 in a pot and at the following meeting have the drawing. The person drawn does not have to be present to win. It was not decided if the person gets the full pot or ½ the pot and the other ½ rolls over or if the club would get the other ½. Also, the winner will have to come to the next meeting to pick up winnings. Also, if the winner is “NOT” present then they only get ½ of the pot. This sounds like the monthly drawing I was speaking of at the November meeting with 100 tickets for \$10 each or \$5 each, sort of what Kaskaskia Valley ABATE does
 - b. Have members put flyers up with the dates and place of our meetings in local bars/establishments. (E-mail and hand out to members to place in various bars they visit.)
 - c. Advertise in Biking Life what ABATE is about.
 - d. Advertise in Belleville News Democrat: (I stated we are waiting on a article from our Vice President Ron Cater for his ideas for the paper)
4. Roger Johnston stated that in Indiana ABATE stands for “American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education”. He wanted to know if we could get it changed in Illinois. Currently only IN, OH, WA, AZ, FL, ND, GA, NY have American verses (A) in the name A. B.A.T.E. (Renie and I will present this to the Region Rep meeting on 3 Jan 2008)
5. Change name from St. Clair County to something that does not sound territorial and strictly within one county since we also service surrounding counties. Currently there are 5 Chapters out of 65 chapters with county names. Perhaps a unique name would be good.
 - a. We welcome anyone input, here are some possible suggested names that have surfaced are:

Rising Phoenix A.B.A.T.E. Chapter	East Meets West A.B.A.T.E. Chapter
Dark Horse A.B.A.T.E Chapter	Freedom Trail A.B.A.T.E. Chapter
The Code A.B.A.T.E. Chapter	Old Man River A.B.A.T.E. Chapter
The Rein A.B.A.T.E. Chapter	55-64-70 A.B.A.T.E. Chapter (since all of the interstates met here)
Mega A.B.A.T.E. Chapter	New Germany A.B.A.T.E. Chapter
Restrictions A.B.A.T.E. Chapter	Silver Creek A.B.A.T.E. Chapter
Thors' Thunder A.B.A.T.E. Chapter	Beer Guzzlers A.B.A.T.E. Chapter
Metro East	St. Louis' Bastard Child A.B.A.T.E. Chapter

As you can see we need all member support in growth and ideas for our chapter.

Food for Thought:

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.

Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.
Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 110 mph!
You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o'experience.. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.
If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.
Midnight bugs taste best.
Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.
Never try to race an old geezer, he may have one more gear than you.
It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.
The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.
Never be afraid to slow down.
Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.
Sometimes it takes a whole tankful of fuel before you can think straight.
Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.
Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.
Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.
If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.
A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived.
Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.
A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.
Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.
Always back your bike into the curb, and sit where you can see it.
Work to ride & ride to work.
Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.
Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.
When you look down the road, it seems to never end - but you better believe it does.
Winter is Nature's way of telling you to polish.
Keep your bike in good repair: Motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking.
People are like Motorcycles: each is customized a bit differently.
Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.
Good coffee should be indistinguishable from 50 weight motor oil.
The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.
The twisties - not the superslabs -separate the riders from the squids.
When you're riding lead, don't spit.
A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 am to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.
Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt @ 70 mph can double your vocabulary.
If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.
There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.
Don't lead the pack if you don't know where you're going.
Practice wrenching on your own bike.
Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.
Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.
Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.
A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith, and use up a lot of fuel.
If you can't get it going with bungee cords and electrician's tape, it's serious.
If you ride like there's no tomorrow, there won't be.
Bikes parked out front mean good chicken-fried steak inside.
Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.
There are drunk riders. There are old riders. There are NO old, drunk riders.
Thin leather looks good in the bar, but it won't save your butt from "road rash" if you go down.
The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside.
Always replace the cheapest parts first.
You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.
Patience is the ability to keep your motor idling.
Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.
Keep the paint up, and the rubber down!
There are two types of people in this world, people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.
Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly.
"It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end."
Ride as if your life depended on it!!
Be safe

2008 Chapter Officers:

Congratulations to the following members who were voted in for 2008:

Rich KinKade – President

Sheila Gallagher – Secretary & Membership

Sonny Theobald – Newsletter

Linda Theis – Activities

Rich & Renie KinKade – Region Rep

Mike & Dawn Bilkie – State Board Rep

Ron Cater – Vice President

Renie KinKade – Treasurer

Roger Johnston – Sgt of Arms

Bud & Peggy Villiger – Region Rep

Rich & Renie KinKade – State Board Rep

Katie Gallagher – State Board Rep

We had 2 officers that had to give up positions. We are looking for volunteers to fill these. None of the officer positions will take up much of your time.

Open Position – Public Relations, Safety & Education & Legislative (Looking for volunteers)

Volunteers are needed to assist with Safety and Education providing motorcycle education/awareness to high school students. We are scheduled to teach in the O'Fallon High School on Feb 1 from 12 - 3 and on Feb 29 from 9-12. If you can spare the time we need your assistance. Please let one of the Officers know if you are interested.



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Online Mail Notifications:

Yahoo News Group for St. Clair County ABATE was created for the ability to send reminders and event notifications. Those who have their e-mail address listed were sent the following:

You may have to add the e-mail to their safe list. There were "undeliverable" e-mails.

You can either sign up with the Join now button at the bottom of the e-mail or send me an e-mail (KinKade_il@yahoo.com) so I can add you to the group.

The link below will get you to the main page to join.

http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/st_clair_county_abate/

Description

St. Clair County

A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS

Invites you to our monthly Newsletter, ONDGO updates, photos and Legislative information.

This is for Illinois Abate members only. When joining please send name and chapter, for our records of who is using this site!

ABATE patch:

Several questions have been raised as to wearing of the ABATE patch: ABATE of IL does not have back patches. There will never be any issued or approved. There is nothing in the bylaws or policy about wearing the membership patch with year rockers on the back.

State Bylaws:

Article 5. Section 5. Back patches.

No chapter chartered by the Corporation shall produce, sell or distribute, any A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc., patch, with or without upper or lower rockers, to be worn on the back of an individual.

A) Patches. Any chapter must present the actual artwork for any patch, other than a RIP patch, to the Executive Board for approval.

Operations Manual: Page 4.

There shall be no back patches (colors) produced, distributed or worn bearing the name of ABATE of Illinois, Inc. Colors shall include any patch, airbrushing, or silk-screening that include upper/lower "rockers" (a.k.a. "banners").

Southwest Region:

State Seminar 2008: Seminar will be January 18-20; Rooms have been reserved at the Northfield Inn in Springfield. If you are interested please let me know so I can reserve a room for you. The room will be reserved in your name. Rooms have two beds and lots of members double up. Some even bring air mattresses for cost savings. Lots of fun, learning and meeting other ABATE members from throughout the state.

We are in the running for 98+% maintained membership over previous year. We could not have done this without your support with recruiting new members to replace our losses.

Members Corner:

Newly added to news letter for members to sound off or advertize items for sale.

Rules soon to follow

Members Corner:

Where do you stand? We need your support:

How To Catch A Wild Pig

There was a Chemistry professor in a large college that had some exchange students in the class. One day while the class was in the lab the Prof noticed one young man (exchange student) who kept rubbing his back and stretching as if his back hurt.

The professor asked the young man what was the matter. The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist government.

In the midst of his story he looked at the professor and asked a strange question. He asked, 'Do you know how to catch wild pigs?'

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line. The young man said this was no joke. 'You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come every day to eat the free corn. When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence. They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side. The pigs, which are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat; you slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd.

Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity.

The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening to America. The government keeps pushing us toward Communism/Socialism keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payment not to plant crops (CRP), welfare, medicine, drugs, free medical, etc. while we continually lose our freedoms – Just a little at a time.

One should always remember 'There is no such thing as a free Lunch! Also, a politician will never provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself.

Also, if you see that all of this wonderful government 'help' is a problem confronting the future of democracy in America, you might want to send this on to your friends. If you think the free ride is essential to your way of life then you will probably delete this email, but God help you when the gate slams shut!

'A government big enough to give you everything you want, is big enough to take away everything you have.' Thomas Jefferson
Rich KinKade - President

Marble Run 2008

The Marble Run for 2008 will have 8 stops per chapter. This will give us 49 stops including the Bonus stop at the state rally in Springfield.

** If you wish to advertise in the marble run book please contact:

Rich Quidgeon at rquidgeon@yahoo.com or Rich KinKade @ rkrkx2@ameritech.net

Deadline is 15th of January. Cost is \$20 for ½ page and \$30 for full page ad

Accident Scene Management Seminar:

“Slider Gilmore” is back on March 16th for a 3 hour seminar. Seminar will be in Collinsville at the convention center. Last time it was a sell out and by request ABATE is bringing him back. Limited number of tickets will be sold. Ticket sales have started and if you wish to acquire one please contact a chapter officer.