

A.B.A.T.E. OF IL, INC.-Board of Directors Meeting August 20, 2011

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Secretary Minutes

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Board of Directors meeting August 20, 2011
Meeting Location-Brookens Auditorium
University of Illinois at Springfield, One Plaza
Springfield, IL 62703

EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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| 1. State Coord.-Mike Myers | 10. Activities-Crystal Shamhart |
| 2. Assist. State Coord.-Roger Leach | 11. Activities-Carl Shamhart |
| 3. Secretary-Kat Conner | 12. Office Manager-Pauli Ward |
| 4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon | 13. NE Region-Mike Ryan |
| 5. Legislative-Bob Myers | 14. NW Region-Scott Gerke |
| 6. Newsletter- Ronie "RJ" Scroggins | 15. EC Region-Stacey Rigsby |
| 7. Public Relations- Carleen Grant | 16. WC Region-Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal |
| 8. Safety & Ed.-Laura Mayer | 17. WC Region-Don Boland |
| 9. Products-Terrie VanHuss | 18. SE Region-Rick "Doc" Jones |
| | 19. SW Region-Rich KinKade |

EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT

1. Bike Raffle-Gus Miller

CHAPTERS PRESENT

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Apple Creek | 15. Embarras Valley | 27. Kishwaukee Valley |
| 2. Arrowhead Valley | 16. Flatlanders-left | 28. Lincolnland |
| 3. Backroads –left at break | 17. Ford County | 29. Midstate |
| 4. Beaucoup Bottoms- 3:57 | 18. Freebird | 30. Northern Illinois |
| 5. Big River | 19. Freedom Riders | 31. Northwest Suburban |
| 6. Black Diamond | 20. Freedom Valley | 32. Open Roads |
| 7. Blackhawk | 21. Freeport | 33. Pathfinders |
| 8. Central Illinois-3:57 | 22. Great River | 34. Piasa-Gateway |
| 9. Chicago | 23. Heartland | 35. Prairieland |
| 10. Children of the Corn | 24. Heritage Trail | 36. Salt Creek |
| 11. Crooked Creek | 25. Jasper County | 37. Shoal Creek |
| 12. Crossroads | 26. Kaskaskia Valley | 38. South Suburban |
| 13. Dukane | | 39. Southern DuPage |
| 14. Eastern Illinois-left at break | | 40. Southern Freedom |
| | | 41. Southern Illinois 27 |
| | | 43. St. Clair |
| | | 44. Starved Rock |
| | | 45. Thunder Rock |

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46, Twin Rivers- left at break

47. Will County

48. Windy City

CHAPTERS ABSENT

1. Franklin County
2. Freedom by Choice
3. Fulton County
4. Heart of Illinois
5. Hubbard Trail
6. Iron Riders
7. Lamoine Valley
8. Liberty

9. Lost Creek
10. Old River
11. Open Roads
12. Peo-taz
13. Shawnee Hills
14. Tri County
15. Union Jack
16. Wabash Valley

OTHERS PRESENT:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Gerold Gregory | 9. Patti Smith |
| 2. Ernie Steele | 10. Jim "Legs" Korte |
| 3. Bonnie Kendall | 11. Pam Boland |
| 4. Josh Goudschaal | 12. Emily Gomez |
| 5. Phil Parrish | 13. David Rosenberg |
| 6. Chad Gillam | 14. Brian Enburg |
| 7. Kathleen Hamel | |
| 8. Lanette Huddleston | |

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:00pm with the State Coordinator Mike Myers leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes:

Kat pointed out that the amount listed in the motion on page 5 was not the same as the amount in discussion. It has been corrected. Midstate pointed out that the watermark had been left off the draft notes.

Motion made by Freedom Valley to approve minutes, Freedom Riders 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Exemptions:

Paperwork has been received on the two chapters who do not file taxes with the corporation.

Motion made by Crossroads to close Unfinished Business, Freeport 2nd, no discussion, motion carried.

Officer's Reports:

American Income Life:

Mike Myers reminded members again that all you have to do to be eligible for the AD&D insurance is to be a member of ABATE of Il. Inc. in good standing. If you have a problem, let Mike know the agent's name, phone number, and your town. He did just find out that unfortunately there is a time limit of 90 days if a member is injured and consequently dies. Kaskaskia Valley wonders if the amount of the benefit has been increased as MRF's did? The answer is that nothing has changed yet, but may.

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Assistant State Coordinator:

Roger Leach pointed out that next month there will be an article on Rod Taylor's induction into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame in Sturgis. He said the ceremony was very impressive.

The state seminar will be January 20, 21,22 at the Northfield in Springfield. The price will be \$30.00 for the seminar and banquet if you pre-register, \$40.00 at the door. If you are only attending the seminar, the price will be \$10.00 if you pre-register and \$15.00 at the door. The main reason for pre-registration is so that the hotel can estimate the banquet numbers and ABATE of Il, Inc. can do the same making up the seminar packets. The October paper will begin advertising for the seminar. One room will be held for each of the chapters until December 1st when they will be opened for all.

Legislative:

Bob Myers has the current General Assembly books and encourages reps to take them today.

HR2715 Bobby Rush voted no on the lead ban law. Those of you in his area should ask him why.

HR748 is to stop the introduction of greater than 10% alcohol into gasoline for commercial use.

Motion by Midstate, Southern Freedom 27 2nd to support the legislative coordinator's efforts to get this passed.

Opposed: Blackhawk, Crawford County, Flatlanders, Prairieland, Southern Dupage. Motion carried. BOD2011-23.

Discussion: Does it include all auto fuels? Bob didn't think so, he is trying to get answers. Not enough research has been done. Bob listed some organizations against it and their reasons. It was suggested that he contact the Farm Bureau and see what percentages of Illinois crops go where.

Right to Repair Blackhawk asked why Illinois congressmen were not supporting it. Bob explained there is a lot of opposition from big business. Midstate said that certain cities are now requiring vehicle inspections and we need to watch for it in our areas. **Motion by Blackhawk, Midstate 2nd that if there is a federal bill requiring vehicle inspections that ABATE of IL., Inc. should oppose it.** Discussion- there is possibly a bill already out there covering this. We should add this to our Legislative Agenda for next year. **Motion carried, none opposed. BOD2011-24**

Handle Bar Height There will be a bill next year concerning motorcycle only check points. It will cover city, county, and state police. Bob explained that the handle bar issue can't be done in inches because of the variables such as seat height, trees, etc. The consensus was from the shoulder to the top of the driver's head.

Redistricting Maps These can be seen on the General Assembly website. There are two lawsuits currently against the changes made.

The Illinois primary will be after Legislative Day next year, so it would be a great time to talk to your legislators as they are all up for election in 2012. Freebird checked on the right to repair and there is a bill: **HR229 Right to Repair** is in a subcommittee right now, needs sponsors.

(Secretary's Note: complete report is at end of secretary notes)

Safety and Education:

Laura expressed her concern that only 30 of the 63 chapters are reporting the student numbers. Nancy Glover is currently attending the State Motorcycle Safety Association conference this week for Laura as she is unable to attend. Laura reported that unfortunately Illinois fatalities are extremely high this year. She has received a donation from a driving school that has had ABATE of Il. Inc safety classes. Chapter instructors need to turn in monthly reports or they will NOT get supplies in the future. Do NOT hand out supplies at parades!

Hubbard Trail has had a billboard for more than twenty years and it needs to be repaired, but they are unable to do so at this time. **Motion by Ford County, Crossroads 2nd to help repair the billboard in Hubbard Trail, amended to not exceed \$1000.00. Opposed: Jasper County, Midstate, Freebird. Motion carried. BOD2011-25.** Discussion included that the billboard is hand painted, Carleen Grant said they could probably get a vinyl one such as those used this year.

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There are 150 yard signs left. Backroads and Ford County still owe for theirs.

Laura thanked the board for letting her go to the conference in Washington D.C. this past June. One of the things discussed was the use of a rear modulator warning system. ABATE of Il., Inc was the only state motorcycle rights group in attendance. ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) and Vision Zero were not discussed at the conference.

There is a new Secretary of Transportation, Mike Stout. Jim "Legs" Korte reports that he has not done things as he promised in the past.

There are two colleges that are thinking of not doing the safety programs anymore. Laura and some of the e-board members will meet with all involved to see what is happening.

Activities:

Mike Myers started by thanking Carl and Crystal for the great job on the 25th State Rendevous, especially the great fireworks.

February 19th will be the Springfield Swap Meet. May 6th the Awareness Rally. The state party only had 550 people in attendance so the profit margin was tiny. It is supposed to be the second biggest money maker for the state. One of the problems is that other chapters put on events that weekend. Carl and Crystal will not be running for re-election. **Motion by Crossroads, Central Illinois 2nd to get rid of the state party.** Discussion: Carl sees as a business venture. His budget has been cut repeatedly. He has cultivated some very good relationships with the companies that do the trash, golf carts, etc., but can not promise the next person will get the same considerations. He can not get chapters to work even one shift in some cases.

Freeport made a motion to table until we can take this information back to the chapters, Blackhawk 2nd.

BOD2011-26

Treasurer:

Julie Bacon reports that Gus Miller had lost some receipts in the amount of \$229.50 and when he found them they were over the 90 day limit. **Kaskaskia Valley motion, Ford County 2nd to pay the bills that Gus Miller turned in.**

Motion carried. BOD2011-27. Julie explained that the executive board has been given their budget forms and they are due September 3rd. She reminds all chapters that if they give out any prize that is worth \$600.00 or more, they must fill out an IRS form.

Bike Raffle:

Pauli said that all bike raffle tickets are due by August 31st or you will have to contact Gus about turning them in later. Stacey Rigsby urged all to help Gus with the bike raffle.

State Office:

We currently have 10,160 members. Chapters are not turning in their applications in a timely manner. Montana Harrington , daughter of Patsy (Liberty chapter) is this year's scholarship winner. Pauli will be out of the office around the end of September or the first week of October for the birth of a grandchild. Contact her earlier for labels that you need.

Public Relations:

Grafton passed a sound ordinance. Carleen thanked all for the proclamations she has received. South Suburban has sent in the most. The billboard campaign resulted in 18 billboards being put up with the guarantee they would be up for 30 days. A lot of them are still up!

Break from 3:00-3:15 pm

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Newsletter:

Some chapters have gotten their state paper late again. Ronie "RJ" Scroggins says that it is usually printed within 3 days of the deadline. Dukane said to talk to the postmaster first, fill out a complaint form and/or get the complaint phone number. If nothing changes, have the chapter flood that number with calls and mention you will be talking to your congressman.

Products:

Terrie thanked all for the trailer, she is going to put racks in, so all products will be ready to go whenever anyone wants the trailer.

ABATE-PAC:

Neil filled in for John "Hunter John" Harris who was at the Grand Nationals today. Donations were received from Great River, Piasa-Gateway, Starved Rock, Southern Dupage, and Pathfinders. A four chapter event involving Peo-Taz, Fulton County, Freedom Valley and Freebird resulted in another donation.

Surveys on candidates will be out by Thanksgiving and graded in January so that the results can be available by February. All seats are up for election in 2012, but redistricting will change things. A question was raised about what to do when a friendly politician runs against another friendly one. In that case, both would receive "A's" and it will be up to the voter.

FED-PAC:

Ray discussed the redistricting map lawsuit, fundraisers as ways to help campaigns.

The Memorial Awareness Parade is September 24th in East Peoria. 10-12 sign up, parade at 1 p.m. There will be speakers. It begins at the Festival Bldg., 2200 E. Washington St. and ends at Walter Brothers HD. Information will be put on the web page and Facebook.

Nominations: Mike Myers opened the first round of nominations. They are as follows:

	Name:	Nominating Chapter
SW Region	Rich KinKade	Shoal Creek
SE Region	Rick "Doc" Jones	Crossroads
WC Region	Kevin "Cap" Goudschaal and Don Boland	Lincolnland
EC Region	Stacey Rigsby declined unless has help	Ford County
NW Region	Scott Gerke declined	Freeport
	Brian Enburg	Blackhawk
NE Region	Mike Ryan declined	Southern Dupage
Bike Raffle	Bob Dodson	Saint Clair County
Products	Terrie VanHuss	Saint Clair County
Activities	Scott Gerke declined	Blackhawk
	Rich Fulk declined	Southern Illinois 27
Public Relations	Carleen Grant	Saint Clair County
Newsletter	Ronie "RJ" Scroggins	Kaskaskia Valley
Safety & Education	Laura Mayer	Southern Illinois 27
Legislative	Bob Myers	Kaskaskia Valley
Secretary	Laurel Stegall	Central
	Paulette Korte	Freedom Riders
	Kat Conner declined	Southern Dupage
Treasurer	Julie Bacon	Central

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Assistant State Co-or.	Roger Leach declined	Southern Dupage
	Steve "Rat" Surratt	Freebird
	Scott Gerke	Blackhawk
	Jim "Legs" Korte	Piasa-Gateway
State Coordinator	Mike Myers	Freedom Valley

Motion to close New Business by Dukane, Southern Illinois 27 2nd, motion carried.

PANEL REPORTS:

MRF: Mike read a thank you for our generous contribution to the MRF. Legs has been working on renewals and has a lot of outdated email addresses; please update yours.

September 22-25 is the Meeting of the Minds in Michigan. Legs went over some of the topics to be discussed, it is on the website.

April 27 & 28 is HEARTLAND STEAM in Nebraska.

Shar Sondeberg, MRF rep is in poor health and her membership has expired. **Motion by Freeport, Blackhawk 2nd to pay for Shar Sondeberg's membership. Motion carried. BOD2011-28.**

The Iowa Freedom Rally let Minnesota have a membership booth there and since a lot of Minnesota people attended, they got a lot of members. He thought that might be a good idea to do this at our events.

Illinois Road Trip. Advertising rates will be one-half page for \$40 and a full page for \$60. December's BOD meeting will be the deadline for ads. He listed the towns for each of the six routes.

If anyone has any Federal issues for the Legislative Agenda, get them to Bob Myers before the Meeting of the Minds.

AMA/D-17:

Stacey reminded us it is race season. He thanked all the SMRO's for helping get HR2715 passed.

OFF ROAD:

The grant funds are still at zero. Questions are being asked if half of the title fees are still going into this fund and if so, why? The same question is being asked of park fees.

REGION REPORTS

NE: Mike Ryan reports there will be a donation for the ABATE-PAC next month from his region. October 1 is PACtoberfest in Romeoville.

NW:

Scott Gerke thanked all 8 chapters for being present today. The Turkey Testicle Festival will be held in Byron again and his region will help with security in return for part of the profits. He would like to see chapters set up poker runs to this event.

Big River Rendevous is September 24, Kishwaukee's Swap meet is September 10. The Region Chili Shootout will be February 11th.

East Central: Chiggerfest is September 9-11. Region meeting will be held after that event.

West Central: Region meeting was scheduled for today, but only one chapter is present.

SE: The majority of his region's chapters are present today. Please check with other chapters who aren't here to see if they need your help. Schools in your chapter area that have had safety classes taught in them in the past should be called as school is starting.

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The 3rd weekend in September is the next region meeting.

SW: Rich reports that the Southeast and Southwest Region's Shriner's Run was last weekend and he thanked them for their continued support for ABATE of IL, Inc. Beaucoup Bottoms and Backroads are putting on Shake, Rattle, and Roll tonight in Sparta.

Kaskaskia Valley has a Veteran's Run scheduled for September 25th. September 1st is the region meeting at Trenton at the bowling alley.

Motion by Crossroads, South Suburban 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 pm

**Submitted by,
Kat Conner
State Secretary**

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

HB2860-"Dead Red Light" bill is on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature

SB1913 – Uniform truck speed on 4 lane highways- passed both chambers & signed into law by the Governor. Effective Jan. 1, 2012.

Federal issues

HR 2715- Exempts youth OHV's from the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008 lead ban-passed. **Signed by the President on August 12th**

HR904- Sponsored by Wis. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner. This bill would eliminate funds from the DOT for use in motorcycle only checkpoints. Illinois co-sponsors are Cong. Jerry Costello, R. Hultgren, Adam Kinzinger, Aaron Schock, John Shimkus, Joe Walsh. (only 6)

HR748 is a bill introduced by US Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (Wis) to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from authorizing the use of gasoline containing greater than 10 percent ethanol in certain vehicles, and for other purposes.

Bill HR748 SECTION 1. NO AUTHORITY FOR GASOLINE BLENDS WITH GREATER THAN 10-PERCENT ETHANOL.

- (a) No Authority- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency may not, including by granting a waiver pursuant to section 211 (f)(4) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.7547(f)(4), authorize or allow the introduction into commerce of gasoline that contains greater than 10-volume-percent ethanol for use in light-duty motor vehicles.
- (b) Definition- In this Act, the term 'light-duty motor vehicles' includes light-duty vehicles, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles, as described in the decisions identified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 2.

Check Points, Handle Bar Heights, License Plate Brackets

The ISP (Illinois State Police) have agreed to cease (for now) all motorcycle check points. If you come across any, please report them to me (Bob Myers) with specifics such as: trooper's names and badge numbers, how many

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involved, time & dates, and any other law enforcement agencies involved and what they were checking for and questions asked. They are also going to try to get Chicago PD on board with this, although the ISP doesn't have control over them.

On handle bar heights- anything over shoulder height is currently illegal and a violation of the Il. Vehicle Code (IVC)

Only license plates in the horizontal position are legal per IVC.

We will be working on language to do away with motorcycle only check points. The ISP knows that we have the muscle to do that and they want to sit down with us to come up with language that we want and that we don't come up with a bill that will strip them of other powers they need to preserve the highway safety.

In return for them not opposing that bill, they want us to not oppose a change in the IVC that would outlaw altering license plate brackets for the sole purpose of hiding the plates from eyesight.

ABATE sitting down with the ISP on these issues would give us even more credibility with our friends in the General Assembly (GA) and will show those that don't agree with us on certain issues that we will work with law enforcement when problems arise. This is also a great way to introduce ourselves to the newer members of the G.A.

2012 Elections

These will be on us before you know it. Our friends in the G.A. will be looking for your help. Please volunteer your time & stand with them as they have with us.

Our two PAC's will need more money than ever before. Please build them up by having PAC events, membership drawings, "pass the hat", bike washes, whatever you can do. **Keep your ABATE strong.**

State Legislative Redistricting map (SB1177)

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=1177&GAID=11&GA=97&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=56011&SessionIS=84>

Congressional Redistricting Map (SB1178)

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=1178&GAID=11&GA=97&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=56102&SessionID=84>

I will also have 2 deferred accounts for Legislative Day and the DC Trip. They are both expensive, but worth every penny spent. All donations are appreciated and needed.

Bob Myers

State Legislative Coordinator

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