



Peo-Taz News

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A BROTHERHOOD AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION

THE MISSION OF A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS IS TO PRESERVE THE UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO A SAFE, UNRESTRICTED MOTORCYCLING ENVIRONMENT, AND PROPOSE AND ADVOCATE ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN BY ELECTED OFFICIALS TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND ENSURE THROUGH PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT THAT SUSTAINABLE USE, RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND ENJOYMENT OF THESE RESOURCES IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

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*Be sure to **THANK** your officers for their time, hard work, and dedication!*

2026 PEO-TAZ CALENDAR

| Event | Date | Place | Time |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Monthly Meeting | Jan 4th | VFW post 3883 | 1:30pm (Potluck) |
| Monthly Meeting | Feb 1st | VFW post 3883 | 1:30pm |
| Monthly Meeting | March 1st | VFW post 3883 | 1:30pm |
| Monthly Meeting | April 12th | TBD | 1:30pm |
| Monthly Meeting | May 3rd | TBD | 1:30pm |
| Monthly Meeting | June 7th | VFW post 3883 | 1:30pm |
| Monthly Meeting | July 12th | TBD | 1:30pm |
| Monthly Meeting | August 2nd | VFW post 3883 | 1:30pm |
| Monthly Meeting | Sept 13th | TBD | 1:30pm |
| Monthly Meeting | Oct 4th | VFW post 3883 | 1:30pm |
| Monthly Meeting | Nov 1st | VFW post 3883 | 1:30pm |
| Monthly Meeting | Dec 6th | VFW post 3883 | 1:30pm |

VFW POST 3883

4518 S Lafayette Ave, Bartonville, IL 61607

1:30PM

Members please bring a friend to a meeting.

Not a member? Please join us at a meeting we would love to meet you and answer any questions you have about ABATE of Illinois and our Peo-Taz chapter.



WHAT IS ABATE?

A BROTHERHOOD AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION ENSURES THAT THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS ENJOYED BY MOTORCYCLISTS/OFF-ROADERS/ATV RIDERS IN ILLINOIS WILL NOT DISAPPEAR. ABATE BELIEVES THAT FREEDOM OF CHOICE IS ONE WE CAN'T LOSE AND WILL WORK WITH STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATORS TO ENSURE THAT FREEDOM IS NEVER LOST FOR MOTORCYCLISTS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. ABATE WILL ENSURE THAT MOTORCYCLES ARE A PRIMARY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION IN ILLINOIS AND SEE TO IT THAT MOTORCYCLISTS ARE INCLUDED IN ALL ASPECTS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN THE FUTURE.

Spotlight Events!

SAVE THE DATE!

BIKERS THAT CARE 3RD ANNUAL COOK-OFF



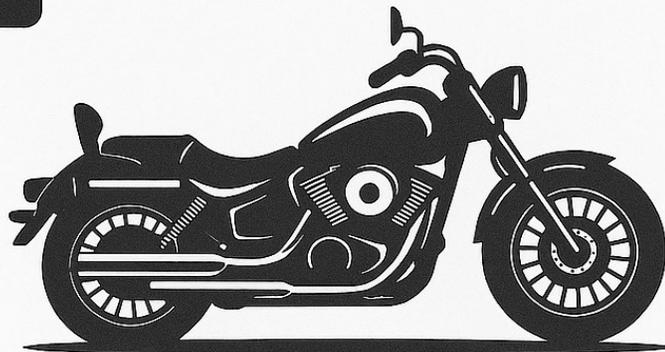
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ABATE 3 CHAPTER VALENTINE PARTY



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Spotlight Events!

FREEBIRD CHAPTER

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VALENTINE'S POTLUCK PARTY
 **NORTH PEKIN AMVETS**
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM
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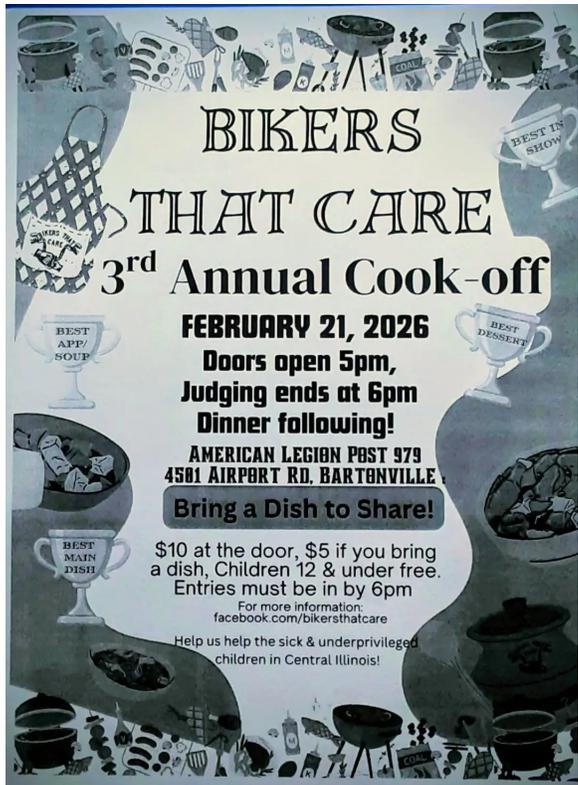


FREEBIRD CHAPTER

A.B.A.T.E.
MEAT SHOOT
 4TH SUNDAY – OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH
NORTH PEKIN AMVETS
STARTS AT NOON
 
UPCOMING DATES:
JAN 24 FEB 28. MAR 28
 Come join us for fun, food, and friendly competition!
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Ladies Pajama SING-ALONG BRUNCH
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Sunday, January 25, 2026
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Saturday's beginning of the resurrection and repairing of the ABATE/PEO-TAZ BANNER out on Sheridan Rd Pekin. In good fashion members came together. In the cold sunny weather after the rain moved out to get the billboard off the ground. Richard, Ben, Larry, Victoria, and Woody got the task done! THANK YOU FOLKS!!!





HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE DEALER THAT SUPPORTS YOUR COMMUNITY!

Walters Brothers Harley-Davidson will mark 105 years of continuous service in 2026, celebrating a century-plus at the center of motorcycle culture in Central Illinois. We host top rides and events featuring live music, food, and charity fundraising for causes like St. Jude, breast cancer, and colon cancer survivors. We sponsor rides for local veterans groups, first responders, Back the Blue police support rides, Down Syndrome families, Toys for Tots and more. WBHD also supports local racing, sponsoring clubs like Pekin and Galesburg Motorcycle Clubs, District 17, and Cory Texter Racing. We were also your presenting sponsor of the legendary 2025 Peoria Motorcycle Club TT Races. Henry Wiles piloted a Walters Brothers Harley-Davidson in the American Flat Track Adventure Trackers Series. We sponsor multiple ABATE chapters so they can support your rights. We sponsor the Harley Owners Group (HOG) of Peoria and too many local MC's to list. Join us as we present local concerts and events that respect our life on two-wheels.

If it's a moto-culture event in Central Illinois, Walters Brothers is at the heart of it. 2026 will be no exception. Big things are coming and we are excited to spend another year of riding excitement with you.

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Legislative Representative

PATRICK WOOD

Well , Peo-Taz members, it's that time of year! We are getting ready for this seminar down in Springfield. This is where you learn how to really get involved in what you can really do! This year's legislative cycle promises to bring many challenges from waymo taxis to the helmet law. Trying to be enforced upon us again, which is unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court. But yet, legislators would try and fool you.... And stick it to you anyway! Rights that our constitution, federal, as well as state guarantee certain things... in those lines, in those documents... and as we see more and more, we are having to take the fight to our representatives to keep those things, because they would be swayed in the belief that one person's thought in theory on something...should be...that for all!

The right to pursue life, liberty and happiness is ingrained in our constitutional documents, but just like maintaining your motorcycle, you have to maintain those rights and freedoms from those who would take it away from you, just like we hang a bell from the bottoms of our motorcycles to ward off evil road spirits, we must ever fight to ward off those who would take away our freedom of choice and way of life!

This proves to be a tough legislative cycle as there are going to be elections and changes for sure. There are always people trying to curb things their way.

It is time to get informed and get involved and put your boots on the ground!! This is twenty twenty six and the fight is on!!!!

PATRICK WOOD (WOODY) - PEO-TAZ LEGISLATIVE REP





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Safety & Education

DUSTY DRIBLER

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Christmas and New Years. Most of us have already broke our new year's resolution by now, I can say as of writing this that I have not broken mine. I have given up on Facebook and really have no interest of going back on it. I know that this article will not pertain to the younger people but just keep on living and one day it will, NIGHT DRIVING. I have noticed since I've gotten older that driving and riding at night has become an issue. The headlights coming at me are causing it to be more difficult to see the road. Dark roads seem to be darker than I remember even though I've rode on them for years. I know our state is so broke that they can't afford to paint new lines on the roads. Maybe we should vote for a tax on that. Just kidding JB just kidding. With these new LED and HID [Xenon] headlights they are just blinding to me, especially the HID ones because they cast a blue light at you, and they seem to really burn my eyes. So here are a few tips that will help you and other drivers. On your vehicle make sure your windows are clean; this will help by not letting the light deflect off any debris that's on your windows. If your headlights have a haze to them get the headlight polish kit to shine them back up. Have your mechanic check for alignment of the headlights, yes you can have your headlights aligned, up, down, in or out. Avoid staring at the headlights, I look down and to the right looking for the solid line along side of the road. Dim your dash lights. Use your high beams when you can. Wear proper eyewear, I suggest getting glasses with anti-reflective coating, this stops unnecessary light from reflecting inside your lenses while allowing more light to pass through. Please do not buy the yellow tint glasses, these glasses cut down on the amount of light that passes through them, making distinguishing objects in the road more difficult. And lastly, this came from my Optometrists, keep your eyes moving, scanning all around your field of vision instead of focusing on one area. By doing this you won't get eye fatigue.

That is all I have for now, hope this helps you out. Come on March 20th, the first day of spring.

As always, it's my pleasure to serve as the safety and education coordinator.

DUSTY DIBLER - SAFETY and EDUCATION COORDINATOR



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Treasurer

SUSAN SALTER

The Salters are attending and delivering auction donations to seminar in January. The next newsletter will have the amount our donations earned ABATE.

It is important to support other chapters abate events whenever possible. Freebird has a friendly meat shoot the forth Sunday, Oct to March. There is open bar and food available. Shooting cost \$4 a round with ammo provided, chance to win 1 out of 10. Shooting not required to win, options to buy pie chances are \$4 each.

Valentine's party is hosted by Freebird on February 14 at the North Pekin AMVETS. Doors open at 5pm with food served at 530pm.

Susan Salter - Treasurer



DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)!

“MRF President Represents Riders At AIMExpo”

Earlier this week, Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard attended the American International Motorcycle Expo (AIMExpo) in Anaheim, CA, the premier powersports trade show in North America that brings together manufacturers, dealers, distributors, and aftermarket leaders from across the motorcycle industry. AIMExpo serves as a central hub for showcasing new products, building business relationships, and discussing the future of motorcycling.

A key highlight of the event was the continued partnership with respected industry figures such as Bob Kay and other leaders in the aftermarket parts community. These relationships are not symbolic; they are working alliances that allow the MRF to coordinate strategy, share intelligence and build coalitions around issues that directly affect riders nationwide.

By being present and engaged, the MRF reinforced its commitment to issues including the Right to Repair and the preservation of the internal combustion engine. These priorities are increasingly under pressure from regulatory trends and shifting technology mandates, and success will only come through cooperation between rider advocates and the businesses that serve them.

Our participation at AIMExpo is a reminder that advocacy does not occur solely in legislative offices. It happens on the show floor, in side meetings, and in ongoing conversations with our partners. The MRF will continue to join forces with industry allies to defend rider freedom and ensure the future of motorcycling remains strong for generations to come.



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Membership

SHANNON JOHNSON

Howdy All! Welcome to 2026. By the time you will be reading this, the State seminar will have taken place. Next month we hope to give you some information that we learned there.

We had a great time at the January pot luck. If you couldn't make it, here are a few things you missed out on at the meeting. Great food was brought by many. The incentive drawing was not won so it goes up again the next month. The free membership that is given away every January pot luck was won by Vicki Roach. Congratulations! However she was not the first name drawn. You have to be present to win. So the first name drawn was Bill Cochran. The second name drawn was Theresa Cochran. The third name drawn was.... Theresa Cochran. Susan Salter won the 50/50 and donated the winnings back to the chapter. Susan also brought a large movie snack basket filled with candy, nuts, cupcakes and lots of goodies. We had a raffle with \$1 for 2 tickets. The winner of the snack basket was Ben Madigan. Congratulations!

The state has changed its mailing address from Avon, IL to PO Box 2077 Decatur, IL 625424. So your yellow forms are no longer valid. You can still give them to people who wish to sign up on line. If you have them filled out and hand them to me personally the address is not important. As Hunter John explained at the meeting, please have patience with the state as they are transitioning. Pauli, who has been the absolute heart and managing soul of our organization, is handing over the reins due to health issues. Keeping her in you prayers is much appreciated.

Our totals will be a little late coming in but as of December we have 141 active members. As a chapter our totals are up from last month. Thank you all so much for getting your renewals in and in a timely manner.

Have a groovy day! -Shannon



DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)!

“Sign Online Petition Opposing Florida HB-429”

Florida’s House Bill 429 (HB-429) seeks to loosen the standards required to qualify for gang membership. This bill would require a two-factor system, where meeting two of the listed criteria would qualify individuals for the criminal gang database. These criteria do not require you to have participated in criminal conduct or criminal activity. The criteria included are as simple as commenting on identified social media posts or being observed twice in the presence of anyone previously identified as a gang member.

Other criteria include adopting the style of dress of a criminal gang. However, that style of dress is not identified and left to the discretion of law enforcement. Another criterion is having a tattoo identified as used by a criminal gang. With this broad option, if a gang began using a heart-shaped tattoo, all citizens with heart tattoos would be eligible for the criminal gang database at the discretion of law enforcement.

Understandably, Florida citizens are alarmed and have started an online petition to oppose HB-429. This petition is open to everyone nationwide. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) encourages all freedom fighters to click the button below and sign on. We are also including a button linking to the text of HB-429, so that you may read the two-page bill for yourself.

Chaplain

BEN MADIGAN

Happy New Year everyone! Fresh Start, some things will be, " business as usual," other things will be " uncharted water." Whatever the case, we have a strong Chapter and great members who are also friends and family. Keep those prayers going up and don't hesitate to text me if you need me to pray for anyone or anything. James 5:16-18 states: the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous person accomplishes much. Promise. We have some great days ahead, let's get through the cold months (and the colds and germs) and prepare for happier times together in 2026. Stay safe and press on!

Love you all! Ben and Pam



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Monthly Drawing

To Qualify:

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Board members are included.

The January 2026 drawing was held on Jan 6th at the monthly meeting. **Brad Dilts** we drew your name and you weren't here. Sorry John you missed out on \$60 dollars. The February pot will be worth \$70!



Remember you must be present to win.

Ride with the Leaders!

Thousands of motorcyclist rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grass roots organizations.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to present their annual conference for politically motivated motorcyclists! Spend the weekend with some of motorcycling's most educated and dedicated activists. Learn what issues will impact bikers today and in the future!

Use the applications below to join and support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and to pre-register for the 26th annual Meeting of the Minds, September 23-26 at the Holiday Inn City Centre, Peoria, Illinois.



It's time you did something more to protect your rights!

JOIN AND SUPPORT Motorcycle Riders Foundation REGISTER, VOTE, WRITE AND RIDE!

- Annual Individual Membership \$30
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Our quarterly quarter auction at VFW Peoria Heights #2602, doors open at 5 pm, first drawing at 6:30 pm first Wed: (March 4, June 3, Sept 2, and Dec 2, 2026). Newcomers get 2 free numbers.



BECOME A member

JOIN TODAY!

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As mentioned in the Membership report, the State ABATE address has changed, making this Membership Form no longer current. If you would like information on becoming a member please contact Shannon Johnson (contact info on page 2).

• ABATE

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Is your membership expiration date highlighted?
If it is, Renew Today!



Peo-Taz membership meetings are held at the VFW, 4518 S Lafayette Ave Bartonville, IL on the first Sunday Each Month at 1:30pm.

A.B.A.T.E. needs YOU! Call to Action

There are more owners of motorcycles, atv's and dirt bikes than ever before. However, our membership state wide is lower than it has been in a decade.

WHO WILL FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS?

When Trailer plate prices were raised by 555% A.B.A.T.E. was the only organization that addressed it. A.B.A.T.E. is ever vigilant on keeping Illinois a helmet by choice state. (Illinois vs Freis)