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September 2025

A BROTHERHOOD AIMED TOWARD EDUICATION

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!*

2025 PEO-TAZ CALENDAR

Event	Date	Place	Time
Monthly Meeting	Jan 5th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Feb 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	March 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
ABATE of IL Swap Meet	March 16th	Orr Building Springfield	
Legislative Day	March 19th	Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Springfield	8:00am
ABATE 3 Chapter Cookoff	March 22nd	VFW post 3883	Reg by 4:30pm
Monthly Meeting	April 6th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
ABATE Freedom Rally	May 4th	Ride to Springfield	TBD
Monthly Meeting	June 1st	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	July 13th	North Pekin Amvets Post 169, 660 Radio City Dr	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	August 3rd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Sept 7th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Oct 5th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Nov 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm (Quarter Auction Follows)
Monthly Meeting	Dec7th	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!



Sundays 2pm-6pm

July 27: Devin Williams

Aug 24: The Easy Riders

Sept 21: Black Magic Johnson

Nov 9: Chris Camp & his Blues Ambassadors

At: Oz'z Bar & Grill

216 Marquette St, Creve Coeur

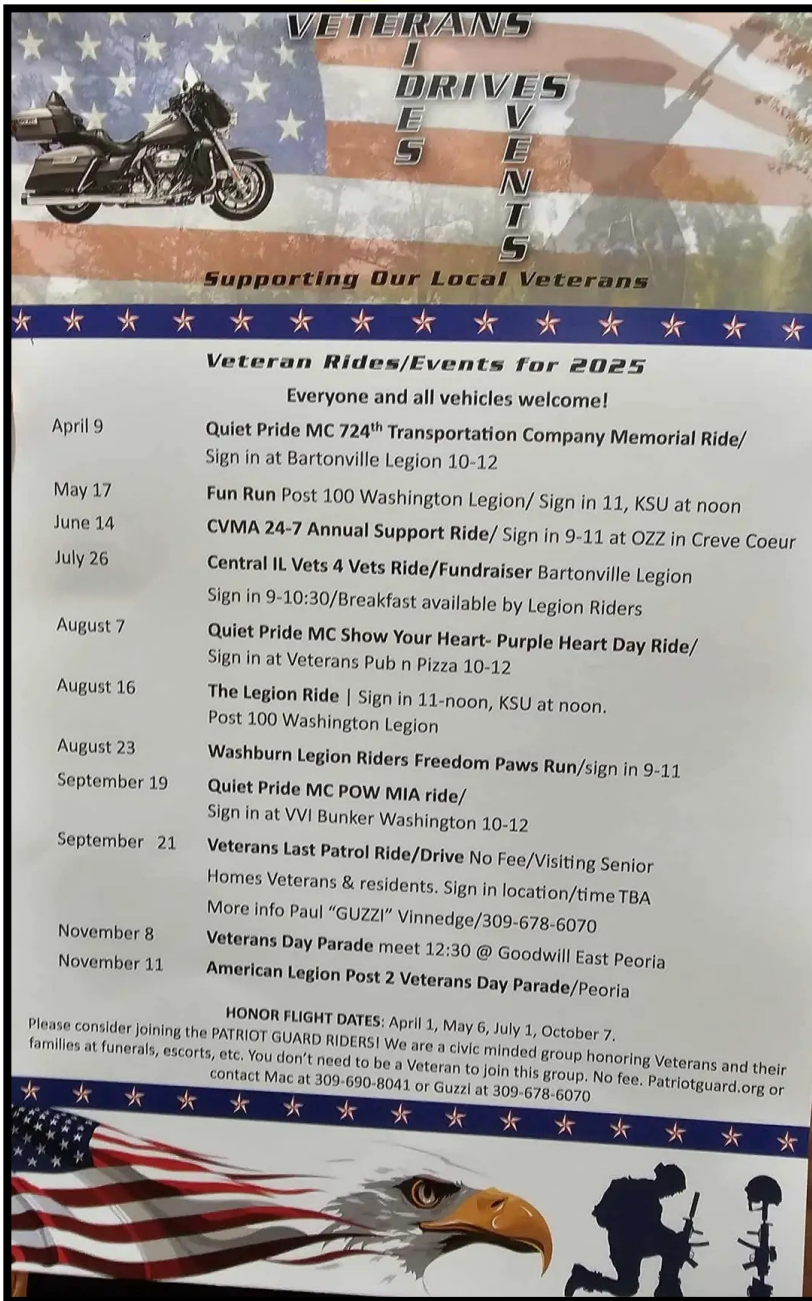
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Spotlight Events!



VETERANS I DRIVES EVENTS
Supporting Our Local Veterans

Veteran Rides/Events for 2025
Everyone and all vehicles welcome!

April 9	Quiet Pride MC 724 th Transportation Company Memorial Ride/ Sign in at Bartonville Legion 10-12
May 17	Fun Run Post 100 Washington Legion/ Sign in 11, KSU at noon
June 14	CVMA 24-7 Annual Support Ride/ Sign in 9-11 at OZZ in Creve Coeur
July 26	Central IL Vets 4 Vets Ride/Fundraiser Bartonville Legion Sign in 9-10:30/Breakfast available by Legion Riders
August 7	Quiet Pride MC Show Your Heart- Purple Heart Day Ride/ Sign in at Veterans Pub n Pizza 10-12
August 16	The Legion Ride Sign in 11-noon, KSU at noon. Post 100 Washington Legion
August 23	Washburn Legion Riders Freedom Paws Run/sign in 9-11
September 19	Quiet Pride MC POW MIA ride/ Sign in at VVI Bunker Washington 10-12
September 21	Veterans Last Patrol Ride/Drive No Fee/Visiting Senior Homes Veterans & residents. Sign in location/time TBA More info Paul "GUZZI" Vinnedge/309-678-6070
November 8	Veterans Day Parade meet 12:30 @ Goodwill East Peoria
November 11	American Legion Post 2 Veterans Day Parade/Peoria

HONOR FLIGHT DATES: April 1, May 6, July 1, October 7.
Please consider joining the PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS! We are a civic minded group honoring Veterans and their families at funerals, escorts, etc. You don't need to be a Veteran to join this group. No fee. Patriotguard.org or contact Mac at 309-690-8041 or Guzzi at 309-678-6070

2025 Peoria Area Motorcycle Event Calendar

August 2	Foundry Rats MC-Autism Run
August 7	Quiet Pride MC-Show Your Heart Purple Heart Day Ride
August 8	Masonic Riders Paul Revere Chapter-Lantern Ride
August 9	ABATE and all Bikers-Ride for your Rights
August 16	AOA-MC-TT Cook off Rib Fest
August 23	Masonic Riders Widows Sons One Five-Feed the Homeless Ride
August 24	Twisted Breed MC-Camp Big Sky
September 6	Deserted Ones-Fun Run
September 13	Black Pistons MC-Fun Run
September 20	BASH
September 21	Veterans Last Patrol Ride
September 27	Sheepherders MC-BG Foust Memorial Ride
October 4	Bikers that Care Fun Run
October 11	ABATE Freedom Valley-Costume Ride
October 18	ABATE Freebird Chapter-Fun Run
October 19	Bikers That Care-Bikers and Treats
October 25	New Attitudes MC-Halloween Party
November 2	ABATE Peo-Taz-Quarter Auction
November 8	Veterans Day Parade-East Peoria
November 11	Peoria Veterans Day Parade
November 15	AOA-MC-Trivia Night
December 22	AOA-MC-Christmas for Kids

34th annual



BIKERS AGAINST STREET HUNGER

Saturday, September 20, 2025

PARADE OF MOTORCYCLES:

- Sign-in at 9:30 a.m. - Ito Hall (4909 Farmington Rd. Peoria)
- Parade leaves at 11:00 a.m. to Kingston Mines Park (Kingston Mines, IL)

HUGE AUCTION:

- 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Kingston Mines Park
- Items too numerous to list (credit cards accepted)

FREE BIKE SHOW:

- Sign-in from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (plaques awarded)

FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDS:

- Food & Beverages served at Kingston Mines Park

MUSIC: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WELCOME

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PROCEED BENEFIT

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Spotlight Events!

Central Illinois ABATE
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43rd ANNUAL BASH
AUGUST 22nd- 24th
@ THE "BIG BUILDING" @ THE KNOX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Friday
 **Set up Camp**
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Saturday
Robert Preston's:
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Spotlight Events!



ABATE OF ILLINOIS SWAP MEET & BATTLE OF THE BANDS

August 22-23, 2025
Moultrie Douglas Fairgrounds
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6/6 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
6/13 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
6/20 Bar Bag Run - Fat Man Bishop's!
6/27 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
7/6 Bar Bag Run - Refuel (SUNDAY)
7/11 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
7/18 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
7/25 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
8/1 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
8/8 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
8/15 Bar Bag Run - Country Saloon
8/22 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
8/29 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
9/5 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
9/7 Bar Bag Run - Moontower Bar & Grill (SUNDAY)
9/12 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
9/19 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
9/26 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
10/3 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
10/10 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
10/17 Support Rides at Fat Man Bishop's
10/18 Bar Bag Run GIVEAWAY - Oz's Bar & Grill (SATURDAY)

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MEETING OF THE MINDS



Shreveport, Louisiana
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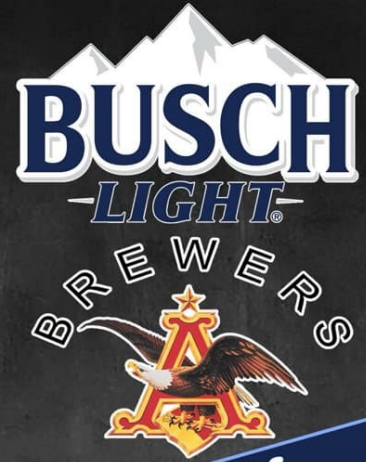



Spotlight Events!

BLUE BUTTS MARBLE FUN RUN
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
2,3, AND 4 WHEELS WELCOME
BONUS - 2 PARTY BUSES
CHECK-IN 10:00 - 12:00
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*5/10 Back Roads 6/28 Kelleher's
5/31 Peacocks 8/2 Whitetails*



5/15 WHITETAILS
5/22 WHITE OAK'S
5/29 LAST CHANCE
6/5 ASHERS
6/12 OZ'Z
6/19 RAILSPLITTER
6/26 SHEETS CREEK
7/3 BACK ROADS
7/10 WHITETAILS
7/17 WHITE OAK'S
7/24 AMERICAN LEGION
7/31 ASHERS
8/7 LAST CHANCE
8/14 OZ'Z
8/21 RAILSPLITTER
8/28 SHEETS CREEK
9/4 AMERICAN LEGION
9/6 HOG ROAST



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Newsletter

NICK CHRISTIAN

Hello all! I don't normally provide a Newsletter report, but I had some things I wanted to share this time, so here goes....

First off, I've enjoyed taking over the Newsletter since January this year for several reasons. I think the thing I've enjoyed most is that it has gotten me more involved in Peo-Taz ABATE and working closer with our amazing officers who put in a TON of time and effort, all volunteering their time to keep this chapter and everything ABATE stands for going. The first couple of months were a total team effort as we navigated a new way of printing, folding, enveloping, labeling, stamping, and finally mailing out all the paper copies of the Newsletter. We explored several options and frankly the cost of having them done by any of the local printing options was outrageously high. After a few months of ideas and a bit of trial and error, we have a pretty good process down to get this Newsletter out to you all each month in a timely way. I want to personally thank and recognize Susan Salter, Shannon Johnson, and Linda Head for the efforts they still put in every month in helping to print, package, and deliver the Newsletters to our members and sponsors. Several others helped those first couple of months as well.

Along with getting to know and work closer with our great officers, my wife Tami Christian has not only been a big help in the printing of the Newsletters but also elected to join as our Public Relations Officer. My point being, this has helped us get more involved and it has been very fulfilling for us both. I felt compelled to tell this story not to flaunt what we've done, but to encourage each of you to become more involved. As stands true in many organizations, 5-10% of the people do 90% of the work to keep things going and I'd just like to encourage you to reach out and become more involved in our chapter. We have openings for an Activities Director and Sargeant at Arms, along with elections coming up for Vice President, Secretary, Products, Membership, State Rep/Legislative, Public Relations, and Attendance. Those who currently hold those positions do a great job and I hope they continue to serve, but one can't help but wonder, how much longer will these great folks be willing AND able to continue? We really need to work to get more involvement, more energy, more excitement, and frankly more "give-a-darn" to keep all the great things ABATE has worked for all these years going.

If you aren't sure what those officer responsibilities are, don't worry, Tami and I didn't either when we decided to jump in and help! I'm telling you there are great people here to help guide anyone along the way with helping in any way you are willing to. If you are willing, we will make you able! Please consider helping out. Walk up to an officer at a meeting and express your desire to help out, you'll likely get a big hug and thank you!

I also want to take a chance to thank everyone who has elected to receive the Newsletter via email instead of paper. This has SIGNIFICANTLY reduced the amount the chapter has to spend on ink, paper, printer wear, envelopes, and stamps each month. If you are reading a paper copy of this and are willing to receive it via PDF in an email, please email me at PeoTazNews@gmail.com. I always send them via BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) so no one will see your email address and it will never be shared in any way without your consent. Of course, we are more than happy to still send you a paper copy if you prefer. That said, thank you all who have elected to get the electronic copy. Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to Matt Bernstein for his efforts in reaching out to each of our members to see if they would like to receive the Newsletter via email. That was a lot of effort, and we appreciate it, Matt!

In closing, we hope to see you at a meeting and/or event soon. A big thank you to all our great sponsors and, if you need one of their services, please patronize these great businesses and thank them for helping to support Peo-Taz ABATE and motorcycle rights!

Until next time, keep the wind in your face and the rubber side down!

- Nick





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PATRICK WOOD

**Only one of the ways A.B.A.T.E MEMBERS AND OUR LEGISLATORS have worked together this year - boots on the ground mater!!!!
Get informed-GET INVOLVED! - Woody**

SB2075- CYCLE RIDER SAFETY-VARIOUS(SEN. SETH LEWIS; REP. JENNIFER SANALITRO) the Cycle Rider Safety Training Act. Removes motor driven cycle and moped from the definition of "cycle". Defines "Cycle Rider Safety Training Course Provider" and "Provider" as a for-profit or nonprofit business, community agency, community organization, community college, or State university that is capable of providing courses. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall put out notices to the public seeking Cycle Rider Safety Training Course Providers to provide courses in the State, and that such courses shall be open to all residents of the State who hold a currently valid driver's license and who have reached their 16th birthday before the first day of the course to be held. Allows providers to charge a nominal registration fee set by the Department. Provides that responses from potential providers shall include the location where classes are to be held at, the number of students they intend to train, whether they would be providing motorcycles or using motorcycles owned by the Department, and the cost for courses provided on a per student basis. Provides that contracts shall be awarded by the Department to providers based on training needs and cost effectiveness of each bid or proposal. Provides that a provider shall only be paid grant funds under one of the following conditions: a course was held; expenses submitted related to the maintenance of department owned equipment; or submitting other non-personnel expenses. Provides that a provider awarded a contract with grant funding shall: submit proof that each instructor employed by the provider meets the qualifications to teach the curriculum for the courses; have at least one employee on staff certified to do quality assurance or quality control visits where instructors are evaluated per curriculum standards on teaching; perform at least one quality assurance or quality control visit on each instructor employed during the year and submit the results of those visits to the Department; maintain appropriate liability insurance to cover training activities; submit requests for payment in a timely manner; and adhere to additional program rules and regulations. Prohibits a provider awarded a contract with grant funding from adopting any policy, requirement, or expectation regarding employee's manner of dress outside of the employee's scheduled work hours. Makes other changes. Effective January 1, 2026.

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 - Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill, and makes the following changes: In the Cycle Rider Safety Training Act, provides that "Cycle Rider Safety Training Course Provider" and "provider" does not include any business registered as a motorcycle dealer with the Secretary of State or any other business that derives income from the selling of motorcycles or has motorcycles for sale at its place of business on a consignment basis. Provides that contracts shall be awarded to providers based on training needs and cost effectiveness of each bid or proposal as well as the provider's organizational capacity to satisfactorily discharge Cycle Rider Safety Training Courses. Grants emergency rulemaking powers to the Department of Transportation. Makes other changes. Makes a conforming change in the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Effective January 1, 2026.

House Committee Amendment No. 1 - Removes the provisions granting emergency rulemaking powers to the Department of Transportation.

Current Status: 6/27/2025 - Sent to Governor for Signature

Recent Status: 5/31/2025 - Passed Both Houses

5/31/2025 - Senate Concurs

Comments: ABATE lead overhaul of the Cycle Rider Safety training program. When passed, this bill will open the program to multiple experienced motorcycle training providers, remove unnecessary burdens to providing training, encourage more people to become trainers, reduce the cost of training, and ensure providers are only paid when they actually teach students or do work to upkeep vehicles. This bill is based on how free training is handled in Pennsylvania which currently teaches almost 3x the number of students in a year vs Illinois and at a cost that's 1/2 the cost of what Illinois has been paying current providers. Sister bill to HB2980

Report Position: Support

State Bill Page: SB2075



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Public Relations

TAMI CHRISTIAN

I hope all are happy and well! Our November meeting will be followed up by our quarter auction. We are looking for donations of items to sell and for vendors who would like to sell their own items. If you know anyone interested, reach out to the leadership team. They will be happy to direct you to the appropriate parties.

As mentioned before, if you receive your newsletter electronically, you can attach it to a post on social media and share it in groups and on your own page. If you get a paper copy, don't throw it away. Give it to someone who may be interested or take it somewhere to leave it for others to read. People like to know what is going on and increasing interest in our cause is key to helping us achieve our goals.

Be free! Ride safe! And have fun!

Tami (Skittles)



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Chaplain

BEN MADIGAN

Summer is flying by! We appreciate all our officers. It's not always easy to make and keep commitments these days! "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!" It's important to, "stick it out, even when it's not always easy." Praying that the rest of our summer and fall is a fun and safe one for everyone! Thanks again from Pam and I for all of you that keep the business of our organization going forward! We love you.

Your Chaplain Ben and Wonderful wife, Pam!



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Check out these Peo-Taz ABATE members having a great time after the August meeting at our sponsor Rocket Bar and Grill! We hope you'll join us next month after the September 7th meeting. Location TBD but we always love patronizing our sponsors!

TEN REASONS TO SAY "YES" TO PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS...

From the Motorcycle Riders Foundation "Meeting of the Minds" event Sept 25-28 in Shreveport, LA (mrf.org):

1. Ride for Your Rights -- This isn't just a ride -- it's a mission. Every mile to Shreveport is a stand for freedom, representation, and the biker lifestyle.
2. Shape Policy Decisions -- Be more than a spectator -- have a voice in creating the MRF's 2026 Legislative Agenda. Influence what gets protected and prioritized.
3. Be Part of the Largest Motorcyclists' Rights Advocacy Movement -- Join a historic, nationwide movement. One united front, thousands of voices. This is how change happens.
4. Stay Informed on Legislation -- Ignorance isn't bliss -- it's dangerous. Know exactly what lawmakers are planning and how it will affect your right to ride.
5. Get Involved in Campaigns -- From fighting profiling to opposing the dangers of E-15 fuel, saving our right to repair & modify vehicles, and regulating autonomous vehicles, this is your chance to get off the sidelines and help push real legislative wins.
6. Advocacy Training -- Learn how to speak truth to power. Gain tools to become a sharper, smarter and more effective advocate for motorcyclists' rights.
7. Influence National Decisions -- Your voice can literally shape the future of federal and state motorcycling policies. Why let others decide what happens to your freedom?
8. Access to Legal Experts -- Knowledge is power, especially in a courtroom. Learn how to protect your rights, your gear and your SMRO from legal threats.
9. Make History -- Be Part of the Future of Motorcyclists' Rights -- 41 years of grassroots resistance. Be part of the legacy. Be part of what comes next.
10. Rally Support for Key Causes -- Fuel national momentum on major issues -- anti-profiling legislation, ethanol concerns, autonomous vehicles, right to repair & modify, infrastructure improvements.

Treasurer

SUSAN SALTER

I want to thank all the members that contributed to ensure PEO-TAZ ABATE continues to be a sponsor of Bikers Against Street Hunger (BASH). We are represented on the official BASH event shirts and part of the t-shirt quilt created for the auction.



- Susan

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

“August Recess - Congress Heads Home”

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reminds its members and partners across the country that the annual August Congressional recess is now partially underway. Lawmakers in the U.S. House of Representatives left D.C. last week and the U.S. Senate is scheduled to follow suit soon. Both chambers will not return to Capitol Hill until after Labor Day.

This break in the legislative calendar presents a prime opportunity for MRF members to engage directly with their elected officials in their home districts and states. Whether it's attending a town hall, scheduling a one-on-one meeting, or inviting a Member of Congress to a local motorcycle event, August offers a unique chance to advocate for the issues that matter most to the motorcycle community.

“This is our moment to speak directly to lawmakers while they’re back home and more accessible,” said Kirk “Hardtail” Willard, President of the MRF. “We encourage all MRF members to take full advantage of this recess to educate, advocate, and build relationships that can influence policy decisions in D.C.”

Now is the time to be proactive, vocal, and visible. The MRF stands ready to support members with resources and guidance for local outreach.

Membership

SHANNON JOHNSON

Howdy all! Hoping you all are enjoying the season and avoiding the ever growing pot holes. Between the heat and the roads I am wishing I had stock in Ameren and tires.

As of this writing we still have gun/cash squares on our raffle if you are interested you can come to a meeting or give me a call for your chance. They are \$10.00 and we are only selling 100 squares.

I am going to dip into Dusty's area for a minute of Safety and Ed. As the weather and other things have not had us riding that much, I often adopt a biker. Meaning as I am driving in my air-conditioned truck

Scoob, if I see a bike in traffic I get behind them. I give them space. And give them a buffer between those tailgating morons out on the road. So while you are out there adopt a biker. As Red Green would say "We are all in this together".

As of this date I have not received the new numbers from the state. They will be coming shortly. Thank you to everyone who renews their membership in a timely manner. If you sign up 10 new members in a calendar year, you receive a one year membership from the state.

Thank you and have a groovy day! -Shannon

Members due in September:

Doc Weyrick	Andrew Zentko-Hill	Richard Lane
Stephanie Weyrick	Matt Roth	Brenda Lane



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"California Challenges Tesla On Automated Driving"

The California Department of Motor Vehicles is seeking a temporary suspension of Tesla's manufacturing and sales licenses, accusing the company of misleading consumers by marketing its driver-assist systems ("Autopilot" and "Full Self Driving") as capable of full autonomy. In reality, they remain Level 2 systems, requiring constant human oversight. While the suspension would be temporary, it would be a strong signal to other manufacturers about the need to more adequately inform drivers about the capabilities of the vehicles they operate.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has consistently raised similar concerns to federal policymakers on the issue. During a meeting with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration last year, MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard cited several examples of marketing by Tesla and other manufacturers that create a false sense of security when operating these vehicles. For motorcyclists sharing the roads, this translated into serious dangers.

An example of this occurred last year when Washington State Patrol confirmed that a Tesla, which hit and killed a motorcyclist near Seattle, was operating in "full self-driving mode" at the time of the crash. The MRF will monitor the action out in California and continue to voice our concerns here in Washington, D.C. about the deployment and marketing of this technology.

Safety & Education

DUSTY DRIBLER

Bozho, nikan [Hello my friend],

WOW here it is halfway through 2025, and ABATE is still out here telling our government when something just isn't right, educating riders on safe riding practices and trying to get people in cars to look twice for motorcycles. ABATE has fought for your right on handlebar heights, your right to wear or not wear your helmets, your right to work on your bike, your right on glow light colors, your right to wear your club colors without being harassed and so much more. It makes me wonder what it would be like without ABATE. Ooh, I know just read what I just wrote above and all that changes. The Federal Transportation is trying to pass a law where it's illegal to work on your own bike and they are trying to get rid of aftermarket parts, plus trying to put a decimal level on your pipes and music. I'm sure they will be wanting seat belts on bikes before long too. That's how messed up our government is. When a law gets passed that takes away our rights or threatens our way of life. I'm sure our government knows what's best for us, so just sit back and receive your participation trophy because there's nothing you can do about it.

Well thank GOD, Abate is there fighting for your rights. We are not politically correct, but we surely don't just lie down and take it. We will stand up and fight the government or we will sit down and help them fix it.

I'm not asking you to come to a monthly meeting, but I am asking you to tell your friends to join an Abate Chapter. We are losing members, and we are losing the fight at the State level because you would rather ride to your favorite watering hole to be seen and post on social media then ride to the State Capital and fight for your rights.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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*Peo-Taz Members Get Free Classified Ads!
The ad DOES have to be motorcycle related
Bikes/parts/clothes/any brand
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Newsletter (peotaznews@gmail.com)
*Must be motorcycle or Abate related**

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- 1) Exhaust Header M 8 motors (NO Cat) will use factory heat shields. (\$ 80.00)
 - 2) Air shocks (12 inch) Harley touring take offs from 2012 (\$ 80.00)
 - 3) Progressive shocks 12-inch Harley Touring (\$150.00)
 - 4) Aftermarket transmission shift linkage Harley touring (\$ 30.00)
- Contact Matt Bernstein 309-363-3434 bernsteinc31@gmail.com



Monthly Drawing

To Qualify:

You must be an active Peo-Taz member.

You must be at the meeting.

Board members are included.

The August 2025 drawing was held on Aug 3rd at the monthly meeting. **Keith Maile** we drew your name and you weren't here. Sorry Keith you missed out on \$110 dollars. The August pot will be worth **\$120!**



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.



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Referred by _____
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☐ Pin
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☐ Year Rocker
☐ Newsletter
What issue? _____

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

☐ 3-Year Individual Membership \$80

☐ Annual Sustaining Membership \$100

☐ Annual Joint Membership \$50

☐ 3-Year Joint Membership \$130

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Member # _____

Freedom Fighter Donation:

☐ \$10

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

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E-mail Address _____

Are you a member of a state motorcyclists' rights organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, name: _____

Mail with remittance to:

Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Inc., 236 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20002-4980
(202) 546-0983 • FAX (202) 546-0986 • <http://www.mrf.org> • mrf@office@mrf.org

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We are a 501c3 non-profit foundation that repairs and gives power chairs/scooters to those who cannot afford them. After 9 years of work, we have delivered 1,198 scooters. We have assisted repairing over 6,000. Your generous donations are allowing us to continue our mission. We are accepting monetary donations or power chairs/scooters equipment, any condition.

Our quarterly quarter auction at VFW Peoria Heights #2602, doors open at 5 pm, first drawing at 6:30 pm first Wed: (March 5, June 4, Sept 3, and Dec 3, 2025). Newcomers get 2 free numbers.



BECOME A member

JOIN TODAY!

TEMPORARY RECEIPT - A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP

(Tear along dotted line.)

Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing Applications

Name (s) _____

Amount paid _____ Date paid _____ Application taken by: _____
(This is your receipt until you receive your membership card.)

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

New Member (1) _____ (2) _____ Renewal (1) _____ (2) _____ Date _____

Chapter Preference _____

Name (1) _____ (2) _____

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State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____ County _____

E-Mail address (1) _____ (2) _____

ABATE uses your email to send updates on events and rights issues - we do not sell or send ads to your email.

MARK TO OPT OUT ☐ Newsletter ☐ Year Rocker Date of Birth (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 therefrom. 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 ABATE-PAC's report is or will be filed with the State Board of Elections, Springfield, IL.

Signature(s) _____

*** \$2. of each members dues is allocated to lobbying expense ***

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Is your membership expiration date highlighted?
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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)