



Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E.

P.O. Box 329

Bradley, IL 60915

Our Mission:

- Safeguard the rights of all motorcyclists
- Endorse Safety & Education Programs
- Promote unity through involvement
- Advocate political awareness and activism
- Promote motorcycling enjoyment

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Arrowhead Valley Chapter
A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois
November 2011

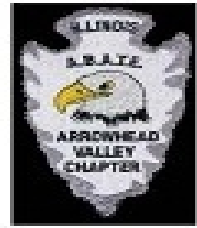


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**Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E.
Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Kankakee VFW Post 2857
756 W. Jeffery St. in Kankakee, IL**

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2011 Board of Directors

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to the word under their phone number.

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president

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secretary

Safety & Education Coordinator

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Activities Coordinator

events

Legislative Coordinator

Dawn Winterfeldt
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Web Mistress
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President
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Happy November !!

First, I would like to apologize that you did not receive your October newsletter. We had a few technical issues, but as you can see they have been worked out.

In early October I sent a letter to all of the members regarding possibly changing our chapter name. As you may remember, this recommendation was made by the Board of Directors to try and improve our chapter status with not only our own members but in the community as well. This topic was discussed at great length at the October 11th Membership Meeting, it was agreed upon that this chapter needs a fresh start and a motion was made to request permission from the A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Executive Board of Directors and the State Board of Directors to allow us to change our name to **River Valley Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois**. On Saturday October 15th, I did present this recommendation and I am happy to announce, that we have been granted permission to change our name. The next step, filing a corporation name change request with the Illinois Secretary of State, has already begun. I am hoping that we have an answer by the next Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday November 8th.

Another topic that was discussed at our last meeting was possibly changing our meeting day and/or time. This was tabled and will be reopened at the November meeting. We are looking for your input, would a different day or time better suit your calendar? Would you prefer a weekend meetings? A different week night? Your opinion does matter, so come on out and let us know what you think.

Just a reminder that elections for the 2012 Board of Directors will

be held at the November 8th Membership Meeting. We will open nominations for any write in candidates before the elections, so if you would like to step up for a position you still have a chance.

Board Positions:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Coordinator

Safety & Education Coordinator

Legislative Coordinator

Public Relations Coordinator

Down State Representative

Newsletter Coordinator

Products Coordinator

Sergeant at Arms

Activities Coordinator

Webmaster/Mistress (Appointed Position)

Lastly, at the November meeting we will be giving away a complimentary one night stay at the Country Inn & Suites in Manteno. All you have to do to enter is attend the meeting.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you.

Until next time...

Dawn





Secretary
Christina Benson
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Arrowhead Valley Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois
Tuesday, March 8, 2011 Chapter Meeting Minutes
Kankakee VFW Post 2857 at 756 W. Jeffery St. Kankakee, IL

Officers in attendance:

Dawn Winterfeldt - President, Treasurer, Public Relations & Legislative
Linda Rosenberg - Down State Representative, Membership & Newsletter
Coordinator & Web Mistress

Officers not in attendance:

Christina Benson - Secretary
Jason “Chains” Belcher - Sergeant at Arms

The meeting was called to order by Dawn Winterfeldt at 7:08 p.m.

Dawn Winterfeldt - In the past several months it has become overwhelmingly clear that in order for this chapter to survive much longer, major changes will have to be made within Arrowhead Valley.

I am aware that our chapter has already gone through many major changes in the past several years. Unfortunately, a lot of these changes have not always worked out to be in the best interest of this chapter, and has caused great disappointment and frustration amongst our members.

In the past few months, the officers of this chapter have been diligently working to build new and rebuild some old relationships within the community, only to find this task very difficult and in some cases impossible to achieve because, sadly, Arrowhead Valley

has earned a reputation that has proven to be less than positive in our service area.

In an effort to make the necessary changes to help this chapter move forward and to greatly improve relationships within the community, your chapter Board of Directors is recommending that we change our chapter name. We believe that this chapter needs a fresh start and a new beginning and we believe that changing the name will be the first step in achieving this.

The Board of Directors is highly recommending this change.

Dave Winterfeldt made a motion to change the chapter's name. Clint Ploth seconded. A discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held pertaining to the new name of the chapter. It was narrowed down to River Valley and Kankakee County. A vote by ballot was taken with River Valley winning. The new name of River Valley will be taken to the BOD meeting this Saturday. If they agree there will be a fee of \$25 to make the changes with the state for the corporation which should take about two weeks.

A discussion was held to the cost of the chapter that will eventually be needed if the BOD allows the chapter name change including: new checks, web site domain name, chapter flag, products, etc.

Our chapter flag cost \$160. Clint Ploth said he knew someone who could fix our current flag. He will check with them.

Nominations for the 2012 Board of Elections were held

- Ø Products - Open
- Ø Activities Coordinator - Open
- Ø Sergeant at Arms - Jason “Chains” Belcher
- Ø Newsletter - Linda Rosenberg - Accepted
- Ø Down State Representative - Linda Rosenberg - Accepted
- Ø Assistant Down State Representative - Dawn Winterfeldt - Accepted
- Ø Legislative Coordinator - Roland “Bogie” Boguszewski
- Ø Safety & Education Coordinator - Open
- Ø Membership Coordinator - Linda Rosenberg - Accepted but would like to see someone more mobile fulfill this position in the future
- Ø Treasurer - Open
- Ø Secretary - Clint Ploth - Declined
- Ø Secretary - Christina Benson
- Ø Vice President - Open
- Ø President - Dawn Winterfeldt – Accepted

Linda Rosenberg - The Newsletter deadline is this Saturday the 15th.
 Dawn Winterfeldt - HB2860 - The red light bill - Gov. Quinn has decided to amendatory veto HB2860, the Red Light bill. Under the Governor's amendatory veto you can still be ticketed any time you proceed at a red light - no matter how long you wait! We would go for the veto override. It is time to make your calls to your state representatives. Please call or email your representative it will only take about 2 ½ minutes.

Dawn Winterfeldt - Arrowhead Valley was recognized at the Kankakee Toys for Tots Run. They had over 650 bikes!

Chris Tomblin made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Clint Ploth seconded. No discussion was held. The motion passed.



Membership Coordinator

Linda Rosenberg

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Hello Members & Friends!

Arrowhead Valley officers would like to invite you to attend a membership meeting. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Kankakee VFW Post 2857 located at 756 W. Jeffery St.

We currently have 59 members. You can check the renew by date under the mailing address on this newsletter.

We will have a membership booth at the next Motorcycle Swap meet at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds on Sunday, November 13th. We hope to see you there.

This is your chapter and your ideas are needed and wanted. Hopefully we will get to meet you sometime soon at a meeting or event. I appreciate any and all ideas for the newsletter.

We are looking for a current address for some of our members listed below, if you know these people, please, either give them a call or get us the information so they can receive their chapter and state newsletters. This would be greatly appreciated! All members deserve to stay up to date on the latest happening.

- Russell Bertsch
- James Wilson
- Randy Aitken

Ride Safe & Free,
Linda



Legislative Coordinator

Dawn Winterfeldt

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Here's what is going on the Legislative front.

HB 2860 – Motorcycle Red Light Bill

Everyone needs to call their state representative and state senator and request that they vote against the governor's amendatory veto.

His amendments are:

- 1) It shall be affirmative defense that the red light failed to signal due to the vehicle's size or weight. (This means that if you are ticketed by the police and you try to fight it in court, it will be your responsibility to prove to the court that your bike did not trigger the signal because of its size and weight. How is the rider supposed to do this?)
- 2) The operator waited at least 120 seconds before proceeding.
- 3) The operator yielded to oncoming traffic facing a green signal. (Common sense??)
- 4) The operator may not proceed where turning on red is prohibited.

HR904

Will prohibit the Federal Department of Transportation from providing grants or funds to any state or unit of local government for use in any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints solely for motorcycles. (states and units of government cannot afford to implement these programs on their own, so let's not give them the money)

For more information on these bills and any other bills regarding your motorcycle rights, please visit, www.ilga.gov.

Dawn



Newsletter Coordinator
Linda Rosenberg
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Hello sisters and brothers of A.B.A.T.E.,

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful and safe riding season. This is your chapter and your ideas are needed and wanted. Hopefully we will get to meet you some time this year at a meeting or event.

If you own a motorcycle shop, bar, restaurant or other business please let us know. We like to patronize our members and those who support us. If you know of a local watering hole, store or business that is biker friendly please give us that information too. Perhaps you know of a good location we could leave some of our monthly newsletters? People need to stay informed to preserve our motorcycle rights. We are also looking for some advertising!

We will also be looking to vote on a new chapter logo at the November meeting so we can get it approved at the December State Board of Directors meeting. If you have any ideas or know someone how could come up with one please get it to us before the next membership meeting on Tuesday, November 8th.

We are here to improve communications with all members and do what we know the chapter members want to do within the guidelines set by the state. Your input is greatly appreciated.

For the latest news and updates, please, attend a meeting and check out our web site at www.arrowheadvalleyabate.org!

Any member can be a reporter! We are looking for articles about your latest motorcycle trip or event. Did you go to a great motorcycle friend place and would like to share that information with others? Every member is welcome to write something to be added to the newsletter or send in pictures to share!

Ride Safe & Free, Linda

Schedule of Events

October 2011

Oct. 22 (Sat.) 7:00 p.m. South Suburban A.B.A.T.E. Halloween Benefit

Oct. 31 (Mon.) Halloween

November 2011

Nov. 5 (Sat.) 10:30 a.m. Southern DuPage A.B.A.T.E. Booze Clues Run

Nov. 6 (Sun.) Time Change - Fall Back

Nov. 8 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E. Membership Meeting – Last round of nomination & voting for the 2012 board! Come out & let your voice count!!!

Nov. 11 (Fri.) Veteran's Day

Nov. 12 (Sat.) 7:00 p.m. South Suburban A.B.A.T.E. Candlelight Bowl

Nov. 13 (Sun.) Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E. at Kankakee County Motorcycle Swap Meet Membership Booth

Nov. 15 (Tue.) Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E. Newsletter Deadline

Nov. 25 (Thurs.) Thanksgiving



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

December 2011

Dec. 4 (Sun.) Chicagoland Toys for Tots Run

Dec. 13 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E. Membership Meeting & Holiday Potluck

Dec. 15 (Thurs.) Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E. Newsletter Deadline

Final round of nominations for the 2012 Arrowhead Valley Board of Directors will take place November 8, 2011. If you are interested in getting more involved in your chapter, or if you would like to nominate someone, please join us at this meeting.

The following is just a very brief description of the recommended responsibilities of each position. More complete details are available at membership meetings or you can contact Dawn.

Board of Directors Responsibilities

President Responsibilities:

Shall preside over all chapter membership and board meetings.

Review all tax and financial documents.

Shall insure that the chapter is operating within the By-Laws of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois.

Shall insure that all board positions are being fulfilled in the best interest of the chapter.

Shall coordinate business affairs as determined by the board and the membership.

Vice President Responsibilities:

Shall preside over chapter membership and board meetings, in the absence of the President.

Shall attend the State BOD meeting in the absence of the State Board Representative.

Shall insure that all board positions are being fulfilled in the best interest of the chapter.

Treasurer Responsibilities:

Shall maintain and keep all financial and tax documents for the chapter.

Secretary Responsibilities:

Shall record and keep minutes of all chapter membership and board minutes.

Shall keep attendance log for all chapter membership and board meetings.
Shall notify the state office with all changes to the Board of Directors.

Membership Coordinator Responsibilities:

Shall maintain a roster of the current membership.
Shall send out membership renewal forms.

State Board Representative Responsibilities:

Shall attend all (6) State Board of Directors (BOD) meetings.
Shall report to the Board of Directors and the Membership all issues discussed the BOD meeting.
Shall be responsible for voting at the BOD meeting in the best interest of the chapter.

Activities Coordinator Responsibilities:

Shall coordinate all chapter activities and events approved by the board and the membership.

Legislative Coordinator Responsibilities:

Shall report on all State and Federal legislative concerns.

Public Relations Coordinator Responsibilities:

Shall communicate the activities and events of the chapter to the general public.
Shall prepare, distribute and collect Proclamations.

Products Coordinator Responsibilities:

Shall order all chapter merchandise, with board and/or membership approval.
Shall have chapter merchandise available at all membership meetings and chapter sponsored events.

Newsletter Coordinator Responsibilities:

Shall compile, assemble and distribute chapter newsletter.

Sergeant at Arms Responsibilities:

Shall maintain order at all meetings and events.
Shall coordinate volunteers, if needed, for chapter events and activities.

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MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET

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Indoor & Outdoor
Rain or Shine

Sunday, November 13, 2011

KANKAKEE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS • 9 AM - 4 PM

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Happy Veterans Day

*Thank you to all the service
men and women for all that
you have done and all you
continue to do.*

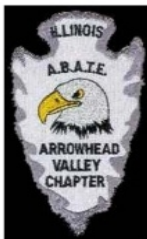


**Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E.
December Membership Meeting
Holiday Party
Tuesday December 13 2011**

**Kankakee VFW Post 2857
756 W. Jeffery St.
Kankakee, IL 60901**

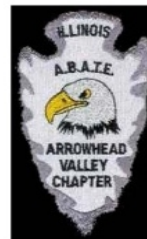


Please join the chapter officers at the December membership meeting including a potluck dinner to celebrate the season and a new start. Please bring a dish to pass. Plates, napkins and eating utensils will be provided.



**Dawn Winterfeldt – President
Christina Benson - Secretary
Linda Rosenberg - Membership Coordinator
Jason "Chains" Belcher - Sergeant at Arms**

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TEMPORARY RECEIPT - A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP
(Fear 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) _____ Membership # (1) _____ (2) _____ Date _____

Original Date Joined (if renewal) (1) _____ (2) _____ Chapter Preference _____

Name (1) _____ (2) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____ County _____

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

Congressional District _____ Senatorial District _____ Representative District _____ Registered Voter (1) _____ (2) _____

Date of Birth (1) _____ (2) _____ Occupation (1) _____ (2) _____

Completed a MSF Course (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) _____

- MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FEES:** \$25.00 PER YEAR SINGLE \$45.00 PER YEAR COUPLE
 • **MONEYSAVER SPECIAL:** \$100.00 - 5 YEARS / SINGLE \$180.00 - 5 YEARS / COUPLE
 • **ABATE-PAC SUPPORT:** Add \$1.00 per year to above dues amount to support legislative contributions.

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Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

**Kankakee VFW Post 2857
756 W. Jeffery St.
Kankakee, IL**

**The last round of nominations for
the 2012 Board of Directors!**

**Voting takes place for the
2012 Board of Directors.**

**If your membership is not up to date you can take care of
that at the meeting to be able to vote.**

**One member will walk away with a gift certificate for an
overnight stay!!!**