



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

Preserving Our Past

Enjoying Our Present

Protecting Our Future

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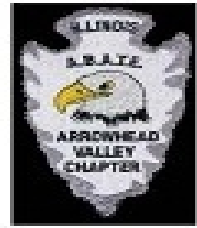


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Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E.
Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Kankakee VFW Post 2857
756 W. Jeffery St. in Kankakee, IL

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to the word under their phone number.

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President
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Happy New Year Everyone!!

Well, I had hoped that we would hear from the Secretary of State regarding the status of our chapter name change request, but unfortunately we haven't yet. With the holidays and the fact that we are dealing with the Secretary of State I am not really surprised though. We just have to be patient for a little longer is all.

I have to be honest, when the idea to change our name was brought up, I had some mixed feelings. Although I truly believe that this is what is best for our chapter, I was quite nervous about how it would go over with our current members, especially those of you that have been around from the beginning. I have been getting quite a bit of feedback from you, the members, and I am happy to say that I worried for nothing. I am happy to announce our chapter has been injected with a new found enthusiasm that has not been seen in this chapter for quite some time.

With all of this being said, I do have some bad news. This will be your last mailed newsletter for awhile. Right now our chapter is in a bit of a holding pattern, and we have no income coming in, so financially we just cannot maintain the newsletter. We will still have the newsletter available on our website every month and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any of your chapter officers.

The 2012 A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois State Seminar is taking place the weekend of January 20th at the Northfield Inn in Springfield. This event is the perfect opportunity to learn more about what A.B.A.T.E. does. It's also is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow A.B.A.T.E. member from different chapters. I have attended this event for several years, always thinking that there was nothing new I could learn about our organization, but every year I

find that I am wrong. At the end of the weekend I always end up knowing more that I did when I got there. If you are interested in finding more about this event or if you would like to attend please give me a call.

Membership meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Kankakee VFW, located at 756 W. Jeffery St., 7 PM. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

As always, your input is very important and if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please contact me, or any of your chapter officers. You can find all of our contact information in this issue or on our website, www.arrowheadvalleyabate.org.

Until next time...

Dawn



Secretary

Christina Benson

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Arrowhead Valley Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois
Tuesday, December 13, 2011 Chapter Meeting Minutes
Kankakee VFW Post 2857 at 756 W. Jeffery St. Kankakee, IL

The meeting was called to order by Dawn Winterfeldt at 7:06 p.m.

Dawn Winterfeldt - We are waiting to hear from the Secretary of State about our request to officially change our name to the River Valley Chapter.

Dawn Winterfeldt - We have a new post office box due to the hours at the Bradley office. Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 282 Kankakee, IL 60901.

Dawn Winterfeldt - I attended a banquet for Debbie Halverson. She is running against Jesse Jackson, Jr. for U.S. House Representative. She is planning on having an A.B.A.T.E. night where we can man the phone bank and help her. We will need to help her making signs.

Dawn Winterfeldt - The State Seminar will be held in Springfield on January 21st and 22nd. If anyone would like to attend please let me know so we can make arrangements.

Dawn Winterfeldt - The Red Light Bill will take effect on January 1st. Do not take advantage of this as what Springfield gives they can also take away. It is suggested that you should wait 120 seconds or two minutes before proceeding.

Dawn Winterfeldt - We need to get our treasurer position bonded.

Linda Rosenberg - Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. We currently have 58 members. We welcome our newest member, Barbara Sharp.

Only four of surveys were returned that we sent out with the last newsletter to our members trying to get some input about a meeting day and possible locations for events or meetings.

The January issue of the newsletter deadline is the 15th which is the day after tomorrow.

We have gotten a lot of good feedback about our newsletter. It is touching some of our members that have not been to a meeting or involved in years. As board members it is our responsibility to get this information out as best as we can. I love doing the newsletter but if we do not get more funds to be able to purchase toner, paper and stamps we will no longer be able to send them out. I donate the use of my personal printer to print all of the chapter's newsletters.

If anyone could donate a ream or case of letter size paper or HP C7115X toner or a book or roll of forever stamps it would be greatly appreciated. If you

contact any board member we would be happy to make arrangements to pick these up or bring them to the next meeting. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated also.

We are hoping to have our next fundraiser is March or April. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Linda Rosenberg - Down State Representative Report

The elections for the 2012 Board of Director's were held.

State Coordinator - Mike Myers

Assistant State Coordinator - Scott Gerke

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Every member of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois has life insurance. You should be getting a card in the mail to let you know that it has increased from \$2,500 to \$3,000. You can fill out this card and return it but if you do that you will get a phone call from the company. You can also return your beneficiary information to Pauli at the state office and she will keep it on file in case this information is needed. If the company comes to your door or makes numerous phone calls

please let Dawn Trudden from American Insurance Life know. She will put you on a do not call list. You can reach her at 309-339-1114.

Safety & Ed Coordinator - Laura Mayer announced that a new record had been made. She will be announcing it at the state seminar.

The state swap meet date has been changed due to double booking. They are hoping for a date in April.

The contract for the state party will be signed.

This year for the May Awareness Month we will have posters, coasters and paper bags to be used in stores such as liquor stores with a \$3.00 off for any new members.

The 990's have gone out. If you have not received them let the office know.

All chapter checks should require two signatures from people who do not live together. The treasurer's position should also be bonded to save your chapter if funds are stolen. You can call Chuck Haze at 309-344-3646 and ask for Nate for more information.

The voter's guide will be available on January 7th. Due to the new redistricting please let the PAC members know if new candidates contact information.

Meeting of the Minds will be held on September 20th - 23rd.

Interesting Fact:

In Spain the maker of a movie poster portraying Tom Hanks & Julia Roberts on a motorcycle without helmets was fined \$42,000.

David Winterfeldt made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Barbara Sharp seconded. No discussion was held. The motion passed.



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We are in need of some newsletter and web site sponsors. If you know of anyone who might be interested please let us know. This would help cut down our expenses.

Ride Safe & Free, Linda



Legislative Coordinator

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Hi,

Great news!!

As of January 1, 2012, the Red Light Bill will become law.

The House and Senate did vote to override the Governor's veto.

The Red Light Bill proposed that you would be allowed to proceed, with caution, after a reasonable amount of time, through a steady red light if your bike fails to trigger the green signal due to its size and/or weight.

One of the concerns of this bill was what was considered a reasonable amount of time. It is being highly recommended that we wait a minimum of 2 minutes before we proceed with caution.

If you would like more information about the Red Light Bill please visit our website at, www.arrowheadvalleyabate.org.

Dawn



Membership Coordinator

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Hello Members & Friends!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m.

We currently have 58 members. We welcome our newest member, Barbara Sharp.

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.

- Randy Aitken (Previous owner of Big Randy's)
 - Russell Bertsch
 - James Wilson

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Ride Safe & Free,
Linda



Public Relations

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Hi,

I know that we haven't officially changed our name yet, but I am fairly certain that we will have that taken care of very soon.

Since the subject of changing our chapter name has come up, I have been trying to come up with some PR ideas so that when we get our approval we can hit the ground running.

Question: What do we need to do to promote our chapter in our community??

Answer: Everything we possibly can.

Even though we are only changing our name, this chapter is basically starting over from scratch. We have a lot of work to do if we want to make this chapter the success that I know it can be. Right now the thought of all the work that needs to be done is quite overwhelming. I am coming to the membership for some assistance. I would greatly appreciate any help that you can provide, contact information, lending a hand at an event or meeting, passing out flyers, anything that will help promote our chapter within the community. If you have any ideas that you think might help accomplish this please don't be shy.

I will be attending the 2012 A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois State Seminar the weekend of January 20th. If you cannot attend this year, but you would like a seminar t-shirt, or any other state product, I will be more than happy to bring it back for you. All orders will have to be prepaid so please have your list ready and the money available at the January 10th membership meeting.

Lastly, one of the things that I would like to start the beginning of the year is an e-mail communication list. This list will be for chapter use only, so that I can

send out reminders of upcoming events, important legislative information etc. If you would like to be added to this list please e-mail with your name and e-mail address. If you would like to add your phone contacts and snail mail information please do so.

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The current by-law committee was reelected.

ABATE PAC - "Hunter" John Harris

AMA - Stacey Rigsby

MRF Rep - Jim "Legs" Korte

Approved the web master contract for Ernie Steele

The contract for our lobbyist, Tod Vandermize, was approved.

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Jan. 10 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E. Membership Meeting

Jan. 14 (Sat.) 6:00 p.m. Will County ABATE Cabin Fever Party

Feb. 11 (Sat.) 6:00 p.m. Chicago ABATE 25th Annual Chili Party

Feb. 14 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. Arrowhead Valley A.B.A.T.E. Membership Meeting

Mar. 3 (Sat.) Northern ABATE Cabin Fever Party

Mar. 7 (Wed.) ABATE Legislative Day in Springfield

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.

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

Amount \$ _____ Check enclosed. Charge to: Visa Mastercard Discover
 Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date: _____ Signature _____
 (Credit Card Registration can be faxed to A.B.A.T.E. @ 309-343-6387)

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