

President's Report

I will start this month by thanking those that have attended the flag events, which as of this writing, whose attendance have put us into first place for the award. While some of you may think this is silly to pursue, it is an accomplishment to win and the bragging rights are great. But the main focus is that it helps all the chapters in the region, including us, to raise the funds necessary to continue. Not to mention the friendships, camaraderie and relationships that has come from these events which have enriched all of us.

The Belly Buster is behind us and though the turnout was not as good as it could have been, we did turn a profit. Thank you to those great volunteers that manned the checkpoints on that hot day, to the riders that attended, to Brenda and Tony for making a route that everyone enjoyed, Tinman's for hosting the end point and contribution, Black Sheep Custom Cycles for their prize contributions and everyone that donated not only items for the

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door prizes but cash as well. Without all you people, the Belly Buster would not have happened.

With summer's conclusion fast approaching, the kids starting school and the major events of the season behind us, the signs to decide our direction for the future continuation of this chapter are upon us and will start being charted at the September Membership Meeting. Elections for the next Board of Directors will be in November with nominations starting next month. It may seem early to notify everyone about the elections but in actuality some people have thought about it for quite a while. I'm positive that over the next couple of months you will get tired of hearing about chapter elections but it is a fact of life in a democratic society and organization and part of the price we pay to retain our freedoms.

As I have oft times said before, there needs to be new ideas and perspectives in any organization to help maintain its vitality and determination. The officer elections help maintain those values while giving others the opportunity to lead and those stepping down the chance to rest a bit. Remember, you are the chapter and the future of its direction, and without you there is

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nothing. Take some time to talk to your Board members and see what their position is about, who knows, you might find that it is something you not only can do, but want to do.

There is one more item that still has me bugged from the last Membership meeting and has to do with what I wrote about last month. Right before the Membership meeting started, two motorcyclists came in and wanted us to advertise their charity event for them. They came in claiming to be members of our chapter and yet their names could not be found on the membership roster. When asked what chapter this was they could not answer and left before the meeting even though they were invited to stay and plug their event. To me this was just another example how some charity rides, not all, do not care about the motorcycling community except to try raising money for their cause only and seeing us as just another source of revenue.

The only persons that are going to help us retain our freedom of choice are ourselves and the above incident is a prime example.

Joe Dedina
President

Vice-President's Report

Belly Buster is over and we made a few bucks. My thanks to Brenda and Tony for giving their time and effort to put together the run and stops. Also thanks to everyone that helped out at the starting point, all the check points, and the end point. Thank you to all that helped in anyway you could. Thank you to Tinman's for the great end point and all the great food. Despite the heat, thanks to all that came out and supported our chapter. Maybe it was the weather that kept some people away, but they missed out on a great time.

Chuck Allard
Vice-President
NWS Abate

Secretary's Report

Detailed report available upon request.

Public Relation's Report

Activities Director's Duties.

- The Activities Director shall coordinate all Chapter activities as directed by the Membership and work in conjunction with chapter members involved.
- Shall hold office for one (1) year or until the next scheduled election, whichever comes first.
- This is a voting position.

Public Relations Director's Duties.

- The Public Relations Director shall be responsible for communicating the activities and events of the Northwest Suburban Chapter to the general public and local authorities.
- The Public Relations Director shall also be a contact person to receive and relay information about and for the chapter.
- The Public Relations Director should have a working phone and published number.
- Shall hold office for one (1) year or until the next scheduled election, whichever comes first.
- This is a voting position.

Legislative Director's Duties.

- The Legislative Director shall coordinate all state and federal legislative concerns and work in conjunction with the State Legislative Directors.
- Shall hold office for one (1) year or until the next scheduled election, whichever comes first.
- This officer position is required by state bylaws.
- This is a voting position.

! This is the third in a series of articles that will outline what each position entails If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact any of the current Board of Directors.

Thanks,
Bill Murphy
Public Relations / Chapter Contact

Secretary's Report

Meeting was called to order at 7:29pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance was done...
- Half-time sales collected by OJ.

Introduction of New Members and Guests:

- Roger Pilcher and his fiancé. Roger transferred from the Chicago Chapter.
- Udo Schaefer
- Richard Nichols

Announcements: None

Officer Reports

President:

A member, or former member, was able to find us at our Belly Buster event and hand out fliers, but did not bother to participate.

Secretary:

1. Please sign in if you haven't already.

Treasurer:

We have money.

Legislative:

1. Nothing has changed in legislative.
2. We have to get some awareness going because cars are just not seeing us.

Activities:

No report.

Membership:

1. We have members.
2. New members were signed up at Black Sheep and a renewal tonight.

Newsletter:

1. I hope everyone got their newsletters. They were put in the mail Friday.
2. New members to give Larry their name and address.
3. If there's anything else you would like to see in the newsletter, please let me know.

Public Relations:

1. Bill has information about Public Service Announcements that ABATE of Illinois should adopt.
2. Bill will not be running for Public Relations in the Fall.

Safety & Education:

1. Brenda will not be running for Safety & Education director in the Fall.
2. Need a volunteer to assist when schools are visited.

Board Representatives:

Hollie will not be at the General Meetings in August, September and October meetings, but she will make the state and chapter Board meetings.

IT Directors:

1. We still have a website and Yahoo group.
2. If your not subscribed to the Yahoo group, please do...
3. We do have a products page on our website and we do have a wide variety of good quality products to choose from. Still campaigning for pocket logo shirts.

NE Regional Director:

1. Regarding Regional Flag Events, Arrowhead Chapter won the Helmet Roast. DuKane Chapter won the Belly Buster. Porky Pig's Overnight is DuKane's flag event on August 6th. Stampede Run will be August 7th starting at the VFW in Morris. Barnyard Boogie sponsored by the NI chapter on August 19th. August 27th is Arrowhead Valley's Mystery Run. Westgate's flag event is on August 28th. Need to respond by August 23rd. Will County chapter is having their Sept. 10th Hooters & Scooters event.
2. The state is having a training session for the new video and material for the schools on August 20 between the Executive Board meeting and the BOD meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. Nominations for Activity Director

- a. Hollie nominated and seconded.

Hollie accepted.

- b. Bill was nominated and declined.

2. Belly Buster

- a. 48 attendees. Very little problems occurred at the event.
- b. Thank you to the following:
 - i. Brenda and Tony for doing a great job setting everything up including the route.
 - ii. Bill Yates for lending the chapter his trailer.

- iii. Chuck for paying for him and his wife even though only Chuck was there.
 - iv. Linda Hart, Hollie, and Larry for donating some of the winnings back to the chapter.
 - v. Joe and Marianna Dedina for donating \$25 for the prize money.
 - vi. Those who have never turned in a gas receipt that have checked the Belly Buster route before an event.
 - vii. To all those that worked the checkpoints in the boiling heat.
 - viii. To all the riders who rode in the heat
- c. We made money at the event.

New Business

1. State Board of Directors Elections
 - a. Sidecar and Legs both nominated for the State Coordinator.

A majority vote in favor of Legs.

 - b. Northeast Regional Coordinator has two nominations, both from the Southern part of the region. Rick Olsen and Mike Ryan, who are from the Northern part of the region, may run.
 - Motion made for the chapter to recommend voting for Rick Olsen and Mike Ryan to the general membership if they decide to run for the Northeast Regional Coordinator. Motion made by Larry Haun and seconded. Majority vote carried the motion.
 - c. Cheryl may not run for legislative coordinator next year. Dan Harper has shown interest.
 - Motion made by Larry Haun for the chapter to recommend nomination of Dan Harper for legislative coordinator in case Cheryl does not run. Seconded. Paul Truax, nominated by Lincolnland, and Julie Bacon, nominated by Crossroads, have both been nominated for State Treasurer. Letter read from Paul Truax who got our mailing address wrong.

- Chapter to email Julie Bacon and ask for information about her history.
- Hollie to talk to Paul and try and get to know him a little better.

2. Spring Fling – 2006
 - a. Need to determine a date to have our Spring Fling 2006.
3. Elections for Activities Director
 - a. Nominations opened for activities director. Steve Bush was nominated and seconded. Steve accepted. Nominations were closed.

Past Events

1. So SubHelmet Roast was from July 8th-10th.
2. Midnight Tour was on July 9th. No one attended.
3. Black Sheep Dawg Days was on July 16th. Several attended had fun and got fed.
4. Ride for Kids was on July 17th. Some attended and it was hot. They raised over \$360,000. Next year's ride will be out of Barrington instead of Northbrook.
5. Ride to Work Day was on July 20th. It rained.
6. Arrowhead Patriot Run was on July 23rd. No one attended.
7. Belly Buster was on July 24th.

Upcoming Events

1. DuKane Porky Pig Run is on August 6th and 7th. DuKane now is tying us in flag events. This event is a lot of fun and you don't have to spend the night. It's held at a farm and is a lot of fun. It's \$5 extra if you come Friday. Flag event is Saturday.
2. BOG Stampede Run is on August 7th. \$10 / person. Lunch is included.
3. Northern Barnyard Boogie is on August 19th through the 21st. The 20th is the day that counts.
4. South Suburban Family Campout Aug 20th.
5. Heralds of the Cross Pig Roast is on August 20th. Usually a great event. We will have a membership booth there. Great people.
6. Black Sheep Dawg Days is on August 27th.
7. Arrowhead Valley Mystery Run is on August 27th and a flag event.
8. Westgate Event is on August 28th flag event.

Raffles and Drawings

- Denise Runge won the half time and gave \$20 back to the chapter. Thank you Denise.
- Robert Fleming won the membership drawing, but was not present so he did not win.

Good of the Order: None

Next board meeting is August 11th.

Next membership meeting is August 24th.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58pm.

Membership Director's Report

There is not a whole lot for me to say this month, except I hope everyone is enjoying and staying cool during your rides. If you need some applications, new or renewals, please let me know. If you let me know in advance of our membership meeting, I will have a lot with me to hand out.

If you have a change of address, please let us know either by ph 847-487-7440, email: membership@abate-il-nws.com or dragen@ameritech.net, or mail to: NW Suburban ABATE, PO Box 441, Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0441. Below is the renewal list for August and September, if you have already renewed, thank you for your continuing support. If you do not receive a renewal notice from me at the latest the month after your membership expires, please let me know.

August	September
Chuck & Vel Allard	Tracy Bright
Bill & Darlene Dorsey	James Dunning
William Elliott	Tom Gogoel
James Fleischman	John & Cindy Greiner
John Lovett	Frank "Dennis" Koop
Rich Nichols	Peter Oswald
	Steven Przepasniak
	Mark Schramm

Good Journey
Marianna Dedina
Membership Director

SPEED KILLS, SAYS REPORT BY NHTSA

From the pages of the Tribune.

Speeding is a factor in one-third of all fatal crashes, according to data released by federal safety regulators.

The NHTSA found that about 1,000 people die each month in speeding-related vehicle crashes. The agency looked at crashes and deaths between 1983 and 2002 and determined whether speed was a factor based on police reports or charges filed.

"Speeding is one of the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crashes," the report said.

The proportion of speeding related deaths compared with total highway deaths reached a high of 36.8 % or 16,947 in 1986.

That fell to a low of 29.9 % or 12,552 in 2000, but has grown since, NHTSA said.

Of all vehicle types, motorcyclists had the highest proportion of speeding-related fatal crashes.

The proportion to total fatal crashes reached a high of 47 % in 1987 but has fallen steadily since. It stood at 38 % in 2002.

Speed-related fatalities were more likely on rural roadways in Western states and were more likely to happen on Saturdays. Males were more likely to be in speed-related crashes than females.

NHTSA's study didn't suggest policy changes, but the report's authors warned that speeding reduces a driver's ability to steer around obstacles and increases stopping distances.

Seat belts, highway guardrails and other safety features also are less effective if a driver is going **too fast**, said the report.

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- 8/20** S. Sub. Family Campout, Glenwood RV, Marseilles
- 8/20** Heralds of The Cross pig Roast, 55 W. Golf Rd, DesPlaines
- 8/21** DuKane Downed Riders Run, Fox Grill, Batavia
- 8/24** Harley's & Hot Rods, Suburban H/D, Palatine
- 8/27** Black Sheep Dawg Days, Rte 12 & Miller Rd, Barrington
- 8/27** Arrowhead Valley Mystery Run, **FLAG**
- 8/27** Beauty & the Bike, Hooters, Orland Pk
- 8/28** 8th Annual Blue Knights Run, Plano Amer. Leg.
- 8/28** Springbrook Fellowship Bikers, Jacobs Hi School, Algonquin
- 9/3** LOW LYFZ 6th Annual Pig Roast, Plano Amer. Leg
- 9/4** Chicago Abate Ride on LSD, Joe's on Weed St. 9 am.
- 9/10** Ride for the Red, Labagh Woods, Chicago
- 9/10** Hooters & Scooters Run, Will Cty Abate, I80 & Larkin **FLAG**
- 9/10** Southern DuPage End of the Book Run Party
- 9/10** DuKane Abate Bloomingdale Septfest Bike Show
- 9/10** DuPage Cty Police Poker Run & Bike Raffle, Heritage H/D
- 9/11** Fugarwe Tribe Annual Pig Roast, Thatcher Woods, River Grove
- 9/11** Top Cats 9th Annual NISRA Benefit, Duke's Grill, Wauconda
- 9/17-18** BOG 1st Annual "Knuckle Buster" Grundy Cty Fairgrounds
- 9/17** Springbrook Fellowship Bikers, Jacobs Hi School, Algonquin
- 9/25** Ovarian Cancer Run, Heritage H/D, Lisle

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