

President's Report

This month's Membership Meeting should prove to be an interesting one to say the least. Normally around this time of year we will have a candidate come to our meeting and try to enlist us to support them. This is a good thing for us as we get the chance to meet those persons that may represent us in either the State Capital or in Washington, D.C. and voice our concerns about motorcycling legislation and safety. This month however there will be two candidates in the upcoming primary attending the Membership Meeting on October 26th that want to represent us in the 8th Congressional District and are looking for our support. They are Teresa Bartels and David McSweeney, and they approached us and asked to be at our meeting so that they may try to enlist us as one of their supporters. We have been given an excellent opportunity to influence the outcome of that primary and learn firsthand what these candidates are about. The 8th Congressional District race is going to be the hottest and most closely watched election in the country this year and we are right in the middle of it. Our actions during the upcoming primaries and general

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Candidates:
Teresa Bartels
and
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elections will not only affect us, but the whole country as well. It is a responsibility that has been handed to us whether or not we want it and one that requires thought before we proceed.

The chance to increase our knowledge of the candidates before the primaries has been handed to us and it is up to all of us to take advantage of the situation and make the most of it. If we are to keep the rights we enjoy now and prevent mandatory laws that are against our basic beliefs, then attendance at the October 26th Membership meeting is one you shouldn't miss. Strength is equated to numbers and the larger the number of members we have at the next meeting the greater the strength we show and will accumulate. Our numbers give us the political power that we enjoy now and the bigger our numbers become, the more political power we will enjoy. With a strong showing at this next meeting, the more powerful and respectful this chapter and organization will be perceived as.

Speaking of elections, the Northwest Suburban Chapter is having their own elections for the upcoming year. Nominations were started at the September Membership meeting and will continue until before voting at the November Membership meeting. While I realize that the first night of nominations does not always bring out everyone and that there is usually a lack of members that want to run for a position, it does give cause to concern as to whether or not there will be more members willing to step up and run

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for a position. Due to family and/or other personal issues, many of the Board members from the last year will not be running again and new members are needed to fill those spots. The continuance of this chapter is dependent upon the members to come forward and help guide, direct and lead for those issues that will confront all of us as motorcyclists.

It is also realized that being a volunteer-grass roots organization, no one here can force you to take a position or even help when needed. We are all dependent upon your generosity, willingness to help and commitment to help the motorcycling community to accomplish the issues and problems that befall us all. Taking a position on the Board of Directors is an excellent way to help everyone, including yourself, and to help reassure that this chapter will continue long into the future.

As the autumn leaves begin their colorful display and the temperature starts to dip and the end of the summer riding season begins to fade we should not forget the dangers that are upon us this time of year as we go out to enjoy this season. Leaves on the ground can hide a wet and/or icy spot in the road or maybe even an oil spot. When the temperature starts to fall please remember that tire cohesion to the road surface becomes less and the chance of losing grip to the road increases along with your chance of having an unfortunate incident.

Lastly but not the least, thank you's go to all the members that have attended the flag events of which we have six wins as of this writing. While the Northwest Suburban Chapter has retained the lead and has a great chance of taking the event this year, there are still two more flag events this year ending in November and one more win would secure the flag for us to keep. Remember attending other chapter functions not only helps raise the funds necessary for the chapters to survive but they are also a lot of fun to attend.

Hope to see you at the October 26th Membership Meeting!

Take Care,
Joe Dedina
President

Vice-President's Report

No Report This Month

Treasurer's Report

Detailed Report Available on Request

Public Relation's Report

No Report this Month

Safety & Education's Report

No Report this Month

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This space was reserved for your articles. This is one that was sent in.

A few minutes before the services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church.

Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate. Soon the church was empty except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. So Satan walked up to the man and said, "Do you know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

"Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked.

"Nope, sure ain't," said the man.

"Don't you realize I can kill you with one word?" asked Satan.

"Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone.

"Did you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying, AGONY for all eternity?" persisted Satan.

"Yep," was the calm reply.

"And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan.

"Nope," said the old man.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 48 years."

Membership's Report

At this time I would like to say "Thank you" to, Black Sheep Custom Cycle "Dawg Days", Lake Zurich Veterans Monument Benefit "Car and Motorcycle Show", Palatine Hog Chapter "Bike Show" and Heralds of the Cross "Pig Roast" that I have been invited to, to have an A.B.A.T.E. mem-

bership booth at. We registered new members, received renewals and if nothing else, made people more aware of whom we are. I also wish to send "Thank You" to all the new members who have joined and all the members who have shown support by renewing, participating and just doing whatever they can to support our Motorcycling rights.

I am not running for North West Suburban Chapter Membership Director this next election. It is not a hard position to hold and you meet a lot of great people at different events. I will help the new Membership Director when and if needed. I will continue to carry applications with me.

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 September and October, 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.

I would like to wish all our members whose bikes went down this year a quick recovery. Last but not least I wish two special members a good recovery and hope to see you soon.

October	November	December
Daryl Lemick	Nathan & Mary Finch	William & Cynthia Dolan
Tony Lenard	Robert & Linda Fleming	Michael Garceau
Peter Kluk	Paul Kleronomos	Colin Hansen
David Render	David & Rosemarie Mann	Eric Hartman
Hollis Sadoff	William Murphy	William Yates JR
Robert Streicher	Colin Schoonover	
	Donald Witzke	
	James Bohan	
	Ally Santangelo	

Good Journey
 Marianna Dedina
 Membership Director
 Northwest Suburban Chapter

Secretary's Report

- Meeting was called to order at 7:37pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance was done.
- No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.
- Request to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting was approved by Evan and seconded.
- Half-time sales collected by Dave.
- Introduction of New Members and Guests:
 - Cynthia Cipowski
 - Mark Garrison from DuKane chapter
 - Kevin Curth, North side Coordinator for the Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade
- Announcements:
 - DuKane is having their 19th annual Food and Toy Run on September 9th.
 - There is a Toys for Tots Run this year and our

main focus this year will be safety. We ask that everyone ride in the left lane because we use the right lane for our blockers and emergency vehicles.

- Need new members and road blockers. Meetings are on 47th and Tripp.
- Do not speed up to catch up to the rest of the pack if there is a break.
- Free membership for member and spouse if you sign up 10 members into ABATE.

Officer Reports

President:

1. We're not getting the volunteers we need and if this continues, we may lose the helmet battle.
2. Teresa Bartels will be visiting us at our membership meeting next month
3. No endorsements are given out until after

the primaries and the questionnaires are sent out. The voters guide will then be published and given to our members, which you can take into the voting booth with you.

Vice-President:

Chuck and Vel went to Terry Park's fundraiser last Friday and spoke with Steve Rauschenberger who will be running for governor. Steve and Terry are both looking for our support. The mayor of Streamwood is running for Steve Rauschenberger seat.

Secretary:

1. Please sign in.
2. Copies of the minutes from the last meeting are available to anyone.
3. Membership attendance raffle described and everyone asked to please sign in.

Treasurer:

1. We have money.
2. Rent is due.
3. Donated money for the PAC fund to be handed over at Pactoberfest.

Legislative:

1. If someone wants to go to a fundraiser in their district, let Evan know.
 - If a legislator asks about our stance, tell them that ABATE of Illinois's FEDPAC fund sends out questionnaires and our support is based upon the answers given.
2. Teresa Bartels will be here at our next meeting. Please ask intelligent questions.
3. Melissa Bean hasn't been bad for ABATE.
4. We will be helping Sidney Mathias who has an opponent, Scott Bludorn.
5. We will also be helping on Suzie Bassi. She has always been good for ABATE.
6. We need to work with DuKane and support Terry Parks.
7. FEDPAC is coming up on the 8th of October. Flier is on our website.
8. There are two HIPPA bills coming up at the federal level. One of them is the HIPPA injury correction act. Evan to collect more information about this later.

Membership:

We have a bunch of new members.

Newsletter:

1. Request that all new members give me your name and addresses.
2. Toshiba copy machines are at Larry's house and will get fixed.
3. Julie is still printing out the newsletter. Larry to get her 11x17 sheets.
4. Larry is going to write to our attorney again because we're still running his ad but haven't received payment. If he does not respond, we pull his ad.

Board Representatives:

1. Discussed having a sport bike, as well as a Harley, next year for the raffle.
2. Denny to check with other local chapters to car pool down to the BOD meetings.

IT Directors:

1. Please sign up for the Yahoo groups if you haven't already.
2. We are getting a lot of spam.
3. We have a products page on our website.

Unfinished Business

1. Spring Fling – 2006
 - a. We have the hall scheduled and security deposit is due end of October.
 - b. Requesting volunteers for decorations, donations, food, etc to email Steve Bush.
2. Fundraiser Raffle
 - a. Rod Taylor has not responded and other chapters are doing it.
 - b. Winner need not be present. Raffle tickets can be sold to anyone, not just bikers.
 - c. Winner cannot win more than once with the same ticket.
 - d. Advertising for Spring Fling will be on the tickets.
 - e. Tickets will probably be coming out in November.
 - f. Motion by Bill Yates for 3 prizes to be available, 200 tickets printed, and \$10 per ticket. Seconded. Majority in favor, motion passes.
 - g. Evan to work up a design with Tony and get the tickets printed.
3. Funeral Honor Guard
 - a. A picture of the patch can be seen in the newsletter.

- b. Larry will be going to the BOD meeting on October 15th.
- c. Feedback from those that Larry has talked to has been positive.

New Business

1. Chapter Officer Nominations: All positions not listed are open and do not have a nominee.
 - a. Secretary: Tony Obrecht nominated and seconded. Tony accepted.
 - b. Activities Director: Steve Bush nominated and seconded. Steve accepted.
 - c. Public Relations Director: Tony Garcia nominated for Public Relations Director. Seconded. Not present to accept.
 - d. Newsletter Director: Larry Haun nominated and seconded. Larry accepted.
 - e. Information Technology Director: Evan Breyn nominated and seconded. Evan accepted.
2. Holiday Meeting Dates
 - a. Larry motioned to move meeting to November 30th. Seconded. Majority vote in favor, motion passes. Tony to check with Marty of the Legion Hall.
 - b. December meeting will not be changed from the 28th.
3. Gratuity Membership
 - a. Proposal to develop an ABATE thank you membership that chapters can hand out as a thank you to businesses or services who are very generous to ABATE.
 - b. Denny to discuss the concept with members at the next regional meeting.
 - c. Alternate is to give free tickets to the event and put their business cards in the paper and our website.
4. State Budget
 - a. Julie planning to go to the E-Board meeting on October 15th.
 - b. Four options were presented by the state. Motion made by Dave to go with option 4 and take the shortfall out of savings if it is needed. Seconded. Majority in favor, motion passes.

Past Events

- Black Sheep Dawg Days was on August 27th and it was a good time.

- Arrowhead Valley Mystery Run was on August 27th.
- Westgate's Flag Event was on August 28th.
- Will County Hooters and Scooters Run was on September 10th and it was very good.
- Chicago Chapter LSD Run was on 9/4 and some attended.
- Chicago's 20th Party & Run was on 9/17 and we took the flag with one member.
- Chicago's Sport Bike Night was on 9/21. Speakers were great.
- Meeting of the Minds was on 9/22 through 9/25.

Upcoming Events

- Northern Illinois Harvest Run is on October 1st.
- DuKane Food & Toy Run is on October 9th.
- Pactorfest is on October 8th and it is a flag event.
- South Suburban Halloween Benefit is on October 22nd. Fliers are available.
- Brother of Grundy Halloween Party is on October 29th and it is a flag event.
- Halloween is on October 31st.

Raffles and Drawings

- Joe Dedina won the half time.
- Joe Lanckhoff won the membership drawing, but was not present so he did not win.

Good of the Order

- Watch out for four wheelers.
- Bill Sallin got hit by a car on his bike and is alright. His bike is messed up.
- Vito's wife from the Ride for Kids passed away.
- Linda Hartman is in the hospital and had surgery today. Please wish her the best.
- Trikey Mikey had three heart attacks. He is home now.
- There is a benefit in Joliet this Saturday for Randy Scott, President of Will County.
- Larry went to the Ovarian Cancer Run this past Sunday.
- DuKane is going to try to push Public Relations and Safety Awareness. At the state seminar, we're going to talk to the region to pull resources together to look at billboards and other means to target motorists and remind them to see us.

- Earl informed the group of a test done in California that reinforced that people driving cars do not see us.
- When doing a group ride, two or more riders, if you're more than 2 to 3 seconds behind the person in front of you, you are no longer a group. The leader of the group should only go as fast as the slowest rider.

Next board meeting is October 13th.

Next membership meeting is October 26th.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:07pm.

Legislative's Report

Big NEWS!!! On our October 26th meeting, we are having two special guests attending. Two candidates seeking the Republican nomination for the 8th District Congressional Seat will be in attendance. Teresa Bartels and David McSweeney will be at our meeting. Please go to their websites and do some research on them. I would love to ask them some real questions and got some real answers to issues that will affect us. The fact that two candidates running for the same position are coming to talk to us just shows the high regard that ABATE of Illinois is held in. Let's not disappoint and let's come prepared. If you live in the 8th District, please attend this meeting as it looks like one of these two people might just be your next Congressperson. Bring a friend too...

I went on a long ride on the new bike the other day. It was a chilly morning, so I chose to wear the full face helmet. I called my buddy up to see if he was game and he stated to me that because of the cold, he wasn't going to ride that early but might meet up later when it warmed up. When I pressed the issue, he told me that his head gets too cold when riding in temps in the low 60's. WTF??? So, I asked him if he had a full face helmet to keep warm. He said no and refused my offer to borrow a spare that I keep for guests. I had to know why he would refuse to ride with a helmet. I thought he would come up with a good reason or some distorted tale about someone who knows someone who got injured or killed because of a helmet, but his answer surprised me a bit. He told me that he would rather not ride at all then wear a "brain bucket". He had no clear reason except a plain

dislike for helmets. So my next question was whether or not he has done any research on the subject of helmet safety vs. freedom of choice. He told me no. So I then asked if he has ever worn a helmet. Again the answer is no. So we got into a conversation on how his dislike for helmets came about. He stated to me that when he was learning to ride, the guy he learned from didn't wear one and that he could not afford one at the time. As time went on, he just never saw the need and has never ridden to a state that has a helmet law. Amazing... So I had to ask the final question. Why is he not a member of ABATE if having the freedom of choice is so important to him. He told me that there is no reason for him to join because if a helmet law is passed, he will sell the bike... Wow... Won't get involved, won't get educated to the facts but will give up an activity that he enjoys. So, how many others are there out there like my riding buddy? I've tried to get him to join the organization before, but he always hems and haws and claims not to be a "joiner". So rather he is a "user". One who takes advantages of the freedom we fight for but won't get involved in the fight. He would rather give up his rights then fight for them. How many people do you know that are in this camp?

In the future, I would like to see a real fact study done on helmet safety vs. freedom of choice. I would like to see ABATE of Illinois use real figures and studies that are current. Florida repealed their Helmet law in 2000. The statistics from Florida are chilling and they are current, not like the ones that ABATE of Illinois uses, which are older than I am. Did you know that motorcyclist deaths in Florida have rapidly increased since Gov. Jeb Bush signed a law in 2000 repealing the state's mandatory motorcycle helmet law? They have... The number of fatal motorcycle accidents increased more than 81 percent in the three years after the repeal took effect according to a study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). 81 percent!!! Damn... But let's keep everything in perspective here. Throughout the country fatal motorcycle accidents increased 48 percent, in large part because of the growing number of aging baby boomers riding powerful motorcycles. Deaths

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among Florida riders 21 and under nearly tripled after 2000 (riders younger than 21 in Florida are still required by state law to wear helmets). This is a lot of info to digest. But I believe that anyone who has strong feelings about the helmet issue, whether pro or con should do their research and know the facts. The same goes for all riders. Don't make your decision based on what your buddies say. Is it their heads? No, it's yours. Do your homework and come to a conclusion that is right for you. I did this and wear my helmet on every ride. But as a member of ABATE, I support the freedom of choice. I believe that some politician who has never ridden a bike does not have the right to tell me to wear my helmet. That right belongs to my wife. She says to wear it and I do. But that decision is based on facts, not urban legends and myth. It is a fact that a helmet will save your life. But I believe that it should be your choice if you want to continue on living should you be involved in an accident.

We need more people interested in joining the fight for your rights. I will not be running for Legislative Director for 2006. I don't have the time to devote and need to concentrate on other areas of my life. I also have been questioning my

beliefs in what ABATE stands for. It is time for a new Legislative Director to step forward and assume the duties. Because if a helmet law is introduced in 2006, and it does look like that will happen, I don't believe that I'm the one who should be leading that fight for this chapter. So, who is interested in the job?

At the last chapter meeting I was nominated for the newly created elected position of Information Technologies Director. I accepted the nomination and hope the chapter sees fit to elect me to the position. I have served as the chapter IT Director for 2005 and feel that I did the job well. I redesigned the website for 2005 and have kept it current. I created our YahooGroup back in 2003 and have managed to keep out the spammers, scammers and derelicts. I set up our Products page with Cafe Press and have managed to keep it updated with new product for members who want NWS gear. So I'm asking for your support in the November chapter elections and ask for you to keep me as your IT Director for the chapter. I can do this job without letting my pro-helmet leanings get in the way and I promise to keep our website as current and as factual as possible. Thank you for your support...

Evan Breyn ~ The Bulldog
Legislative & IT Director

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This past month's drawing produced the name of:

JOE LANCKHOFF

Unfortunately this month's person was not present, so they did not win!



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October 26, 2005

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4th Wednesday each Month

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2nd Thursday each Month

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