

*President's Column*

The last Membership meeting signaled the end of the election season with some new faces being installed as Directors of this chapter. I am excited, energized and inspired with the accumulation of talent that is on this year's Board of Directors. There are some new faces on this year's board and with that comes new ideas and perspectives that are always needed to help this chapter retain its vitality and energy. There are some familiar faces that were on the board last year and decided to stay, either in the same position or move to a different position, and there is even one person that decided to come back from a one-year hiatus from the board. So let me be the first to introduce you to your Chapter Board of Directors for the 2004-2005 session.

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As of this writing the IT Director has not been appointed yet but will be by the next Membership meeting.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming the new Board. With the fine looking group of people there is on the Board roster, I look forward to the coming year of working with this board.

When new Board members are elected that means that there are some that are being replaced, and this year is no exception. I personally thank the exiting Board members on the fine job they did this past year. Thanks to Steve (Rush) Alpert for initiating and following through on the idea of combining the Chapter Contact and Public Relations Director into one position. Thanks to Gary Wayman for not only being the Chapter Contact since this chapter has been in existence, but also for returning as Legislative Director when one was badly needed during the campaign and election season. Thanks also goes to Bob Reese (also as Legislative Director) and Scott

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Swearing in for being the IT Directors until work and personal obligations made fulfilling their positions impossible. The hard work and efforts of the past Board members are appreciated and will not be forgotten.

This is also the time of year that the major holidays take place and mess up schedules along with any sense of time. Please don't forget that the December Membership Meeting is Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the American Legion. The December meeting is usually short so that we can all enjoy the goodies that members have brought (hint, hint) for us to enjoy and to do some partying. This also gives everyone the chance to meet the new Directors, and to thank the old Directors, in a relaxed atmosphere while catching up on old friendships and creating new ones.

As I end the last column of the year I wish everyone the best of their respective holidays and a New Year filled with happiness, wealth, good health, family and friends.

***Take Care,  
Joe Dedina  
President***

*President's Column November*

By the time this newsletter arrives the national and regional elections will be over and hopefully the hard work and effort put forth by those that had volunteered so much have seen a victory. Especially true this year, the prediction of the results could not be forecasted with any kind of accuracy, but it was the hope that all the candidates that we have supported and helped have won and will continue to support us, and our issues regarding motorcyclists and motorcycling. But they haven't and our goals will not only be more challenging to achieve but also require more participation from us. Statewide with ABATE endorsing 129 candidates, 120 won their respective races.

In our area the biggest loss occurred with that being Congressman Crane losing to Melissa Bean in a very tight race that lasted well into the night. The Congressman has always been a friend of ABATE and not only has listened to our concerns and issues, but had also signed on to and co-sponsored many issues for us. The position and clout that he had achieved over the years will be greatly missed along with the ability to call on him for his support at any time it was needed. The other loss we received was that of first time candidate Paul Tully going against the incumbent Kathy Ryg in a race that was well fought by Tully but

unfortunately wasn't enough. The good news is that the other candidates that were endorsed by this organization did win and in some races it really didn't matter who won for the views expressed by both candidates were about the same. We now need to reach out and contact those candidates that have won their races, which were not ABATE endorsed, so that we can start a relationship and work toward creating an ally on the legislative issues that come before us concerning motorcycling and motorcyclists. At the same time, we also should contact those candidates that are on our side and congratulate them on their victory and continue the relationship that has been formed. Though election season can be tiring to hear and read about and having it come to an end is a great relief, but it is part of the democratic process and necessary for all citizens to insure that their rights and freedoms are preserved.

As I continue to speak of elections, our own chapter elections are coming up at the next Membership Meeting, which will be Friday, Nov. 19. The date was moved forward so as not to interfere with everyone's plans for the Thanksgiving Day weekend. Elections are an important part of any organization, for the members speak out for who they feel is best to guide the chapter in the coming year. At the same time, members with new ideas and vitality are able to step forward and contribute to the chapter by running for an office. These values are critical for a chapter to retain vitality and the ability to adapt to the never-ending changes that are faced in our quest to retain our freedom from restrictive and unnecessary rules and regulations. Remember, this chapter is not run by a select few but by all members and having board member's change, insures that this chapter will not only remain alive but also strong and ready to fight for our rights.

At the last Membership Meeting, the issue of the Bylaw change to merge the Chapter Contact and Public Relations Director came forward. With an overwhelming majority, this Bylaw change passed by the members present. Basically this bylaw change removes the appointed and non-voting position of Chapter Contact and gives all those duties to the Public Relations Director. This change was proposed to make a more efficient and effective Public Relations Director while at the same time eliminates a position that has become redundant. The text of the change will be printed in the newsletter so that everyone can see the change that was passed and adopted.

The other item that was brought forward was the item

of the Membership Meeting date and as to whether or not it should be changed. As a recap, ballots were sent out to all members on the membership roster as of August 2004 with a self-addressed stamped envelope to make it easier to return. The results were tallied and the final count was presented at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting with the majority of members responding voting to keep the Membership Meeting as it is, the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. We thank those that took the few minutes of time to fill out the survey/ballot and make comments, which the Chapter Board has read, and will endeavor to correct those issues that were brought up.

Though I wanted to speak of this first, I felt this spot in my report was best fitting. It is with a heavy heart to report that on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, our Assistant State Coordinator, Jack Wheeler was killed in a truck accident. All the details are still coming forward and won't be known for a while. Our condolences have been given to Jack's family along with some financial support, for there was no insurance to cover the costs. Jack was a good friend of not only this chapter but of many in and out of this organization. He will be missed by many, and our condolences and thoughts are with his family.

The last item I want to speak about is about those volunteers that have donated their time, effort and money during this volatile election season. It is because of them that our legislators work and vote for our issues and will continue to do so. Without their help, we as an organization would not be as strong and influential as we are. Even though words are not enough to show our appreciation, THANKS to the volunteers that have endured this election cycle and they can be confident in knowing that they have made a difference.

**Take Care,  
Joe Dedina  
President**

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*Vice-President's Column December*

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Just a quick note. I'm Chuck Allard, your new V.P. I want to thank all of you for the vote of confidence. Together all of us can make this Chapter even better than it already is. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, I'll do my best to give or get you an answer in a timely manner. We should try to keep the meetings short so we can all kick back and enjoy some time and maybe some goodies afterwards. See everyone there.

Chuck Allard  
**Vice-President  
NWS ABATE**

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*Vice-President's Report November (Outgoing)*

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Finally it's November and the elections are over. We have a President and didn't have to wait until Christmas to find out who it would be. I believe that America made the right choice...

Unfortunately, we did lose a friend in the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. As is no news here, the Honorable Phil Crane didn't get reelected to his seat and will be replaced by Melissa Bean this January. We all owe a huge Thank You to the Honorable Phil Crane for his years of service to both the Country and to the Motorcycle Community. I hope he has a long and enjoyable retirement. He has earned it...

At the parade in Gray's Lake, Ms. Bean was interested in ABATE and what we do. I think there is opportunity there. Joe explained to her that we back our friends and that Phil Crane was a GREAT Friend to ABATE of Illinois and to motorcyclists everywhere. But he also left the door open for future talks. Well, the future is now...

Remember, we are only looking at her from motorcycle issues. Not guns, taxes or abortion issues. As a group, we can only look at where she stands on issues that affect motorcyclists. After the pounding that her party took nationally, I think that the Dem's might all of a sudden find that they need to listen to grass roots organizations like ours and start helping us with our issues. I would be willing to talk to Melissa Bean about ABATE and our agenda.

The election is over and the lies by both sides can be put to rest. Yes, I said both sides!!! In typical fashion, the advertisements about the opponents were laced with falsehoods. From both, the Republicans and the Democrats. Unfortunately it is the norm these days and we put up with it and accept it. Has Mr. Kerry apologized for the downright lies his campaign told about Mr. Bush? Has the President apologized for the downright lies his campaign told about Mr. Kerry? Nope!!! Mr. Bush stated that John Kerry ran an honorable race. BS!!! John Kerry lied his butt off and won't be held accountable for his statements. But, both parties ran campaigns based on inflated statements and half-truths sprinkled in the pot of lies to spice it up a bit. And the shit ran down hill into almost every race. Even the Crane/Bean race was full of half-truths and misleading statements about the opponents from both sides. Me, personally, I'm sick of it!!! I believe that the candidates should be held accountable for what they or their offices put out. While we as ABATE members do not voice an

“official” opinion on this matter, we as Voters and constituents can. Next time you are talking to a candidate or a politician, let them know that the mud slinging and the lies must end. Let them know that you want to know what they are going to do rather than the evil that they are accusing their opponent of doing.

In the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District race, our good friend Mark Kirk got accused of doing every evil act short of killing puppies. Had the race gone on much longer, I’m sure that Mr. Goodman would have accused the Honorable Mr. Kirk of doing that too. I believe that the candidates should have to face the music on what they say. In the case of Mr. Lee Goodman who was never the subject of false ads by Mark Kirk, I believe that Mr. Goodman should have to publicly apologize to Mr. Kirk and then Mark should be allowed to shave off Mr. Goodman’s eyebrows. This might seem extreme but I’m recommending it for the public good. Did anybody see the interviews with Lee Goodman on TV? Those damn eyebrows were very distracting and kept running all over his bald forehead like two furry caterpillars trying to play “hide-n-go-seek”. I kept expecting one of them to detach itself from his head and attack the camera. Downright disturbing. So, I propose that in a public place, televised to the world, Lee Goodman apologize to Mark for his untruths and that Mr. Kirk be allowed to shave the hairy scary eyebrows off of Mr. Goodman (which would be a public service to us and probably help Mr. Goodman because people will no longer stare at his furry eye pets). I also propose that we, as concerned members of the community, call Northbrook and tell them that we are bringing back their Village Idiot and that the next time they keep a better watch on him. Hell, we could even have a parade. Imagine a long line of motorcycles with Lee Goodman hog-tied to the luggage rack of a Harley being dumped in front of Northbrook Village Hall. The Mayor of Northbrook could be in attendance to proclaim their thanks that we found their Idiot and returned him before he could cause more damage than he did. We might even get medals for the return.

This will be my last month as Chapter VP. While the job of VP generally is to keep an eye on everything and help out where needed, I didn’t think that it would actually involve real responsibility. Normally the VP position is an “extra” position that is not necessary to the existence of the chapter. But when life changes one’s situation, the ripple effects affect everything in the pond. I never expected to have to step in and run meetings. But with the change in work schedule with Joe, there I was. I actually

enjoyed myself and hope that the chapter felt that I was able to accomplish the job without too much pain. I have declined nomination to the office for 2005 and the position right now remains open. I am asking you, the membership of the Northwest Suburban Chapter, to step up and fill this position and the remaining open positions for next year. We need your help to continue on. We made a difference this year and need your help to make a difference next year.

Lastly, we lost a friend this past month to the eternal ABATE chapter in the Sky... Our good friend “Sidecar Jack” Wheeler has left us to join so many other motorcycle legends on the Eternal Roads. Everyone who knew him will miss him greatly. Please keep his family in your hearts and the passenger pegs on your bike down for when Jack wants to hitch a ride...

*Ride safe...*

***Evan Breyn ~ The Bulldog  
VP – Northwest Suburban Chapter  
ABATE of Illinois, Inc.***

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*Treasurer’s Column Nov & Dec.*

Treasurer’s reports are available on request

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*Legislative Column December*

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I’m back!!! Welcome to the December newsletter... And the November one too... This one will be kinda confusing because some of us are writing columns under two different jobs for this issue. I am one of those who have that pleasure. Last month I wrote my last VP column for this newsletter and had every intention of it being my last column as a chapter board member for a while. As most of you who know me, you know that I hold the Legislative department in a special place in my heart and didn’t want to see it go empty. Well, I had been hoping that someone would step forward and assume the legislative helm for the chapter. With all that is going to hit the fan next year regarding the proposed Chicago helmet legislation I was hopeful. When it became apparent that the seat would go empty, I accepted the nomination that was offered earlier during the November meeting. So now, like it or not; I’m back!!! I will bring my experience as a former chapter VP and past legislative director back to the job but I will be upfront about one thing. I couldn’t give a crap about helmet legislation. I wear a helmet and feel that those who don’t are practicing a form of evolution. Those who have evolved a head as hard as a DOT helmet may live if they get into an accident. Those

who are not hard headed enough (like me) to survive a header into the pavement will either die or choose to wear their helmet. Now while I'm against the government getting involved in the rather personal choice on how I might die, I'm going to state for the record that if the dreaded "helmet law" legislation gets introduced in 2005 I will expect this chapter to step up and fight and not just the board, but the whole chapter. I will not do it alone, especially for something that will not affect me at all. My only hope is that IF some Illinois politician drops the dreaded H-Bomb that ABATE of IL be wise enough to use it as a recruitment tool to get our membership numbers back up while fighting it. It is a game of numbers and right now we are down. In case it has not become evident for those keeping score, ABATE of Illinois and pretty much every motorcycle rights organization out there is losing members at an alarming rate. For this chapter, our numbers are down by about 15%. Why??? Could it be that we need conflict and issues to remind us on why we fight for our rights? If you need some examples of why ABATE of IL needs to remain strong; here are three examples.

Example #1; ABATE of Michigan is attempting to get their helmet law modified (yes, a compromise bill) to allow riders who are at least 21 years old and have been licensed for two years or taken a safety course to ride without a helmet. This law passed the House but is hung up in the Senate in committee. Now, assuming that it clears the Senate, the Governor of MI, Gov. Jennifer Granholm would veto it anyway. Now, if more Michigan motorcyclists were active in their state motorcycle rights organization, this bill might have had a chance to become law. But Michigan has the same problem that we do. The majority doesn't care enough to fight for what is important to them.

Example #2; A custom motorcycle builder is riding his personal scoot on a Florida interstate. Traffic is slowing down and a car hits him and he flies onto the windshield of the car. The biker is screaming at the driver of the car and rolls off onto the ground. Does the driver of the car stop? Oh hell no!!! He takes off and when arrested 20 miles later claims that he thought he hit some debris on the road. So, now we are debris!!! Do you want to know what the driver was charged with? 1 - Leaving the scene of an accident involving damage. 2 - Failure to report an accident immediately. 3 - Failure to leave information. 4 - Careless driving. 5 - Having no insurance. Where is the attempted murder charge? What is the moral here? Hit a biker - get a ticket? Sure

seems like it to me.

Example #3; This past week at Toys for Tots an old man driving under the influence hit and killed a motorcyclist during the parade. This is very tragic and I will not make light of it, but where is the media coverage when this happens on almost every weekend in the Chicagoland area during the regular riding season? On a poker run last summer a car nails a motorcycle killing the rider. The driver of the car was distracted by her cell phone and "didn't see him". Is she charged with murder or even manslaughter? Nope. These are examples of why ABATE of Illinois and the MRF need your support and your participation. We cannot do it alone and need the membership of ABATE to support the fight for their freedom and their safety on the road. Come to meetings and learn what we are up against. Call your elected officials when the need arises. Get certified and teach 1 Safety & Ed class in the schools. Teach the next generation of automobile drivers that motorcycles are everywhere and have every right to be on the road. The life you save might be your own or even mine.

So, as we start another year of motorcycle rights I ask you to get involved and help keep what you hold precious. Your right to ride. Ride safe and see you on the road...

***Evan Breyn***

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***Legislative Director***

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***Legislative Report November (Outgoing)***

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Once again, a "last" article from me as Legislative Director. You may not believe the number of times I've been told, "Yeah, we've heard THAT before!" True, I DID try to "retire" before and the timing and mitigating circumstances didn't permit it. This time, however, it's reality. Trust me on this. I've been reminded (more than once) that being negative is counter-productive, so I'll try real hard to make this last piece something you're all proud of. I'll try real hard not to expound on the disappointment, discouragement, and embarrassment I've felt this cycle and tell those who did nothing that the only reason they still have the Freedom's available to them right now is due to those who've busted their butts working for legislators who defend us in Chambers. The list of volunteers IS somewhat lengthy and ALL of you are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED! Not only by me as "Legislative Director" of the chapter, but obviously by those had you worked for!

I didn't even realize it myself until a staff member pointed it out to me, but by doing all those signs for Congressmen Crane and Kirk, we also saved LOTS of hours at various campaign offices by giving back some time to do things OTHER than make signs. They were able to concentrate on mailings and letters and all sorts of "stuff" that has to be handled at a camp. Office. You see, the signs are GOING to be made. Who makes them gets the credit for being a "tremendous help" to the campaign! Our chapter has developed a very well known reputation for being "The guys who make your signs". For the past several cycles we've done many thousand signs and for several candidates. It did make me proud this year to add some names to the list. I just pray that there will be people next cycle (2 years) to do it all again. I have every intention of helping who and where I can. But I'm only one person and even the two of us can only do so much. We can help and advise "newbie's" as to the "system" we've used for many years. If there are still power staplers available to us, it will help. Should the chapter fold up after this election, (a fear some of us have) I'm going to try to buy back at least one of those new units from the chapter for my own use in future cycles. I just won't be able to promise the candidate(s) a "crew" as has been the case for so many years.

Being the Legislative Director has been a very rewarding experience! I've made some friends in both the State Capitol and on The Hill. I'll never forget the very warm greeting I received from Congressman Kirk on my last visit to D.C. some years ago. I'll also never forget how Senator Jones made it a point to tell EVERYBODY that without the help of our chapter, he would never have won his last election. He had been targeted by the "other side" to take a fall and they ALMOST made it (he won by less than 1000 votes). This chapter DID help a great deal and put in a lot of time and effort. That's what it takes EVERY cycle. A lot of time and effort by a lot of people means a better chance for a win at the polls. The candidate who gets the word out the best might win. Yes, there are the issues and the people in our area who DO go vote are a lot smarter than some give them credit for. Another reason our people win is because they have integrity, morals, scruples, and plain old-fashioned values that are NOT out-dated or out-moded. Honesty is STILL important to people. So is integrity and our friends in Springfield and D.C. are rich in it. I'm PROUD to be on first name basis with legislators, most of who know perfectly well I can't vote for them because I'm not in their district. But they know who ABATE is and how

much we care about our Freedom to ride. They know we have fought (and will fight?) for them and they do the same on the "floor" where they work and cast THEIR votes.

Of course the elections (national) are now over and we're facing our own chapter elections. A whole different story isn't it. From campaign promises and bovine fecal matter being thrown all over the place to the current "officers" begging to be replaced by "new blood". I was told recently by a former "brat-pack" member that some of them DID try and couldn't break through the "clique". I can't help but wonder why I don't remember any of their names on a ballot. Very possible "selective memory"... I really AM well over 21, you know. At any rate, I'm going to say an extra prayer for those who continue the fight and will probably be around for next cycle to SOME extent for A COUPLE of candidates, but other than that, I'm retiring. Gone fishin' or somethin'. Maybe even gone for a RIDE! God that sounds good to me! Enough rambling...

I can't say THANK YOU enough to all of you who spent time in a camp. Office. If I try to "run the list" here off the top of my head I'll certainly embarrass myself by leaving someone out and I won't do that. But I WILL spend a line or two on people who deserve some "honorable mention", some who have gone above and beyond as it were. Marianna Dedina is one who has spent (I believe) more hours in offices and doing campaign work this year than anyone else in the chapter! She's not only been to almost EVERY sign party, she's been at events, worked office duty, helped coordinate things all around and been one incredible "right hand" along with her "other half", Joe. He's been VERY involved even though it's been "behind the scene" so to speak. While he hasn't been quite as visible, he's done a tremendous amount of "hustling" on my behalf and "covering my butt" in more than a couple camps. Joe has also been heard much more often (and louder?) than me in trying to "encourage" more participation. These two people deserve a lot more than the ABATE will (or I can) give them. Marianna, Joe, you have my sincere gratitude. Bulldog (Evan) has also been very helpful this cycle. He's done a lot to encourage participation and also helped coordinate schedules. He's helped me also by clarifying some things I didn't know about and could trust his knowledge. As for all the rest of you, well, YOU GUYS ARE THE ARMY TODD HAS ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT. You're the ones who "get the job done" no matter what. Thank you and God Bless you All

Gary N. Wayman  
NWS Legislative Director

*Membership Column December*

Due to the recent failure of my computer, I was not able to compile an article for this month. Please check your membership card or the newsletter label for your expiration date and please send your renewal in. Thank You!

I also want to wish everyone a great Holiday season and New Year!

Good Journey,

**Marianna Dedina**

**Membership Director**

**Northwest Suburban Chapter**

**ABATE of Illinois, Inc.**

*Membership Report November*

Welcome to all of our members and our soon to be members. Just wanted to say thank you for your support by renewing your membership and attending any ABATE functions to help the Chapters keep going and to support our Federal and State Legislators. We do fight for all Motorcyclists rights. Please pass the word; people still think of ABATE as those people who are against helmets only. We need continuing support and more members to make a real difference.

Hope everyone went out and voted on November 2, remember your vote counts. Our elections will take place at our next general meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Let your vote count also. You still have time to be nominated for a position on our Board before the voting starts. Please let me know if you have not been receiving our Chapter newsletter or State newsletters. There have been address changes where I have not been notified or new members not receiving the newsletters. If we do not know about this, we can not correct the problem.

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Below is the renewal list for November and December, if you have already renewed, thank you for your continuing support.

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**Guy Fiasche**

**Nathan & Mary Finch**

**Robert & Linda Fleming**

**Mike & Yvonne Gleason**

**David Pauley**

**Ally Santangelo**

**Colin Schoonover**

**December:**

**Haig Pedian JR**

**Robert & Dawn Reese**

**Gery & Hope Retzke**

*Activities Column December*

Well, Here I go again. I'm already working on new ideas as well as old. Joe and I are working on a once a month "Breakfast with the Board" This will be open to anyone that wants to come. To talk about ideas, kick tires or just ask questions. NOT TO TALK BUSINESS. That's what meetings are for.

I'm also looking to add a third run in Aug.

"Down Riders Memorial Run".

First things first. "SPRING FLING" We "I am" are going to need a lot of help to get this done on time. Please sign up for a committee. More info will be at the Mtg.

Now welcome to old and new board members. If we work together well, and it looks like a board that can, we will get a lot done. Hope everyone had a happy turkey day. See you on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Da TeddyBear**

*Activities Report November (Outgoing)*

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**Northwest Suburban ABATE Chapter**

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**COMMENTS FROM THE BALLOTS**

Here are some of the comments that we received from the Meeting date change survey/ballot.

1. Meetings are too long
2. Reduce speaking time to 5-10 minutes-tops
3. Speakers to write a bullet point report so they don't repeat over and over and over again.
4. If an item is not resolved in two meeting dates, some one fix it so that we don't have to hear about it over and over. (i.e.-the copier)
5. Since becoming a member I have not heard anything but this ballot. I don't know where or when the membership meeting is.
6. A small lunch taken out of the treasury with the cost made up by the attending membership as a donation made to the chapter. That's thinking out of the box but "feed them and they will come" is a slogan well worth the thought.
7. I'm flexible except for the days that I marked NO.
8. I'm fine with the dates we have now.
9. This is really a great idea and deserves the courtesy of a reply from everyone.

While we did not get a reply from everyone, those that voted have made their wishes known. To those members that have made comments, they have been received and read. I wanted to post the comments so that all members know what others are thinking and that your board does take your comments seriously and will do the best we can to rectify your concerns. Thank you for your votes and comments.

**Joe Dedina**  
**President**  
**Northwest Suburban Chapter**

**Safety & Education Column**

No report this month.

**Public Relations December**

No report this month.

**I.T. Directors**

The position is still open to anyone.

**Board Rep's**

No report this month.

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Here I sit again trying to think of what to write for my column. Toys for Tots is over with one death of a biker due to a stupid person in a car that didn't want to wait. Who knows how many others had close calls because the drivers in cars didn't want to wait. Each year it's the same thing. By now you would think they would know to take a different direction. I guess some just want to see if they can get away with cutting off the biker and not get a ticket or in an accident. At the end of the ride at the Armory, what a collection of toys. Again this year there were a lot of stuffed animals.

At the Armory, I saw Lin Wheeler and we had a nice talk. She thanks all from the Chapter for coming to the wake and the donations. The family hopes that we all have a nice Holiday season. Memorial patches will be available soon.

Anyone that is crazy like me and still riding, please be careful out there. The cars aren't looking for us to still be out there.

**Larry Haun**  
**Newsletter Director**

I know this is only December, but February is not that far away and the bike show will soon be here. ABATE will have a booth there as usual. Think about spending some time helping out. You get to meet a lot of people and make a lot of new friends. Sign up new members to the Chapter. See the new bikes and equipment. All help is greatly appreciated and needed. This year the bike is a 2005 H-D Softail Deluxe.

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“SIDEKICK” JACK WHEELER  
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