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Hardtail responds to the "Social Burden" myth

[Editor's note: the following letter was composed by ABATE of Wisconsin Public Relations Director Kirk "Hardtail" Willard in response to a recent insurance company ad (See "Media watch", page 1). We encourage all members to save this letter and use the facts and ideas presented in it whenever confronted with the "Social Burden" myth. Our thanks to Hardtail for his time and talents directed at the efforts of the "Freedom of the Road."]

02, 2003 April
Mr. Scott Behnke
Behnke Insurance Agencies, Inc.
17 Forest Avenue
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Mr. Behnke,

I am writing you on behalf of the members of ABATE of WISCONSIN, Inc. regarding your Insurance Highlights column in the recent Action Advertiser. As the premier Wisconsin based motorcycle organization focused on legislation, education, and safety, we take offense to your assault on the responsible motorcyclists of Wisconsin.

Each year as the riding season begins we must point out to misinformed critics such as yourself that motorcyclists are in fact not a burden on society because of their medical costs as you suggest. Many studies have shown this to be false and we have been in contact with the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA), some 250,000 members strong nationwide, to confirm these statements. According to information gathered in conjunction with Bill Kresnak, Legal Affairs Editor, and Edward Moreland, Vice President of Government Relations for the AMA we offer the following facts for your consideration. According to a study done at the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle it was noted that the general patient population was actually 3.6 percent higher than injured motorcyclists on their reliance of public money to pay their medical bills during the same period were. Also, a study by the University of North Carolina's Highway Safety Research Center showed that the

number of injured motorcyclists and other road-trauma victims having their medical costs covered by insurance was less than a 1% difference. In addition, the North Carolina study found that the costs of motorcyclist's injuries were actually lower than the costs for other accident victims. The same study also found that the presence or absence of a helmet was not shown to affect injury costs.

Moreland also points out that treating all motorcycle injuries nationwide is minuscule and only amounted to .001 percent of all health care costs nationwide and a significant portion of these costs are paid through private insurance. Another significant statistic to keep in mind is that in 1999 motorcycles represented only 0.53 percent of the accident-involved vehicles nationwide. The most recent comprehensive study just released at the Lifesavers Conference in Chicago in March 2003 that was completed on mandatory helmet use was conducted in the State of Maryland. Researchers reviewed loss of motorcyclists lives before their mandatory helmet law was enacted and after it was enacted it was most interesting to discover that over a 10 year period the number of deaths was not significantly different before and after the mandatory helmet law was in place. Which is not the first study to point this fact out. In the Motorcycle Safety Improvement Plan issued May 2001, NHTSA discusses a study of motorcycle deaths in both Texas and Arkansas. In Texas deaths per 10,000 registrations was 5.12 with the helmet law and actually lowered to 4.18 after the mandatory law was repealed. In Arkansas, fatalities per 10,000 registrations were 17.77 before repeal and dropped to 11.33 after the mandatory helmet law was repealed. So as you see a mandatory helmet law produces exactly opposite the results you seek.

In conclusion, because of your stance suggesting motorcyclists are a burden on society and the suggestion of mandatory helmet use we are encouraging our members to avoid doing business with your agency and instead find an

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Land Development
c/o Greg & Diane Rodd
1126 Schoenharr Dr.
West Bend, WI 53090

You may also go to the ABATE of Wisconsin website at www.abatewis.org and fill out the form which will be forwarded to the LDC.

Volunteer time for: (List)

Other: (List)

Mail info to: Land Development - c/o Greg & Diane Rodd - 126 Schoenharr Dr. - West Bend, WI 530

Social Burden

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insurer who supports a comprehensive approach to motorcycle safety. That being voluntary helmet use for adults, wearing proper riding gear, taking both beginning and advanced rider training courses, and presenting our Share the Road program to educate drivers to be aware of motorcyclists on the road. This information has been shared with the American Motorcyclists Association and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation both with offices located in Washington D.C.

as well as our members. We would strongly encourage you to refrain from furthering the false claims that motorcyclists are a burden on society and any proposals that mandatory helmet laws are an answer to anything you suggest in your article based on the facts presented.

Regards,

Kirk "Hardtail" Willard
Public Relations Director
Board of Directors
ABATE of WISCONSIN, Inc.

ABATE Campgrounds

Hey, Listen Up, Everyone!

If you haven't made your reservations yet for one of the ABATE campgrounds, now is the time to do it. The phone calls, emails, and reservations are coming in hot and heavy. Look at your calendars for the summer now and decide that this is something you are going to do. Even if you're not planning on any of the HD activities we will still have a great time just getting together.

Both campgrounds open August 27 and close at noon on Sept. 1, 2003.

Music is planned for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, food and beverage areas will be available on site along many other things happening at both campgrounds.

The campgrounds need a lot of help. Check out the 'Help Wanted' section of this newsletter. If you volunteer eight hours of your time for ABATE you get a \$10 discount on your camping. Make sure you call or email Art & Priscilla (920)478-2096.

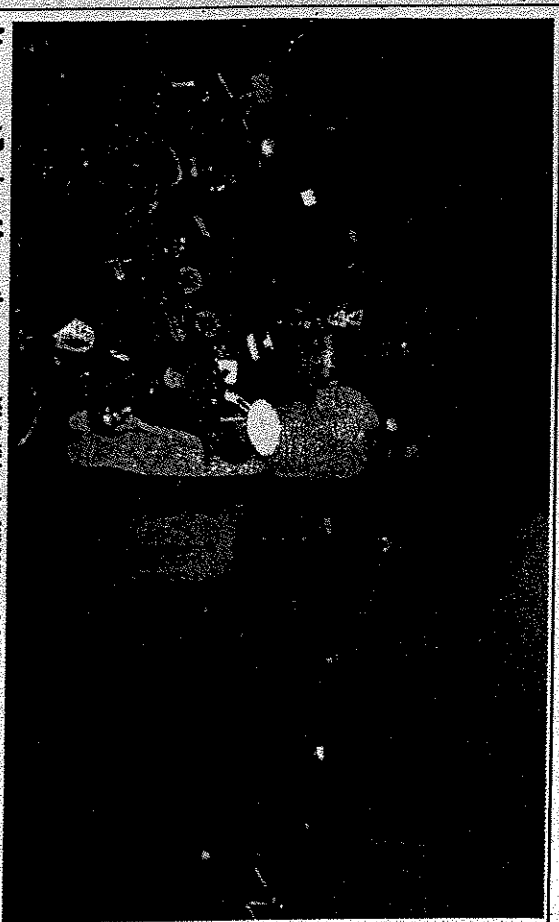
oldfart@hurleycomputers.com for Jefferson County, or Greg and Diane (262)306-0606, biker@milwpc.com for Washington County. Gates will be open 24 hours a day, security, cleanup, information stands, and shower areas will all be run by our organization. These campgrounds stand to make a

huge amount of money for we can only do that with e help. If you can help one d or more just give us a call. information, reservation fo shipping info is available o website www.abatewis.org newsletters about each car

We have people from i world that have made reser already. Australia, Canada, Caracal, the Philippines, an over the USA. What a grea some fun and meet new pe forget, everyone that come chance to see what ABATE what great PR for our state.

Thanks to those memb already called and volunte time. We do have some de people. CALL TODAY!

The campgrounds ne help. If you volunteer e for ABATE, you get a \$ on camping. Call or en Priscilla (920)478. oldfart@hurleycomputers.com for Jefferson County, or Diane (262)306-0 biker@milwpc.com for Washington C



At a recent Region 4A meeting were: Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, Wis. State Senator Ruse Decker, Wausau, Wes Campbell, former regional rep, and Mike Haupt, new regional rep.

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A Monthly Publication Dedicated to Freedom of the Road



May 2003

Media watch

By Ed Williams

The last half of March and the first half of April have been very interesting weeks. Lots of things came up that needed the attention of ABATE. There seems to have been a rash of incidents involving various forms of the media that reflected badly on motorcyclists. Maybe they think we have gotten used to being bashed and just don't pay attention any more. Big mistake. As the following descriptions of these biker bashing ads and a misguided internet poll will show, we do still pay attention and will take action against those who portray us in a bad light. I will have copies of the official responses to these incidents printed in this newsletter following my article. That way you can all see exactly what I am describing.

The first incident we needed to deal with was brought to our attention by Rick Bodoh, regional rep for 2C. A local insurance agency had taken out an ad in the local "shopper" style paper, basically saying motorcyclists all need to be forced to wear helmets. The ad called for nationwide mandatory helmet laws. The basis given for that reasoning was the tired old "social burden theory". (See "Insurance Highlights" #1 at the end of this article). Our public relations director Kirk "Hardtail" Willard got our "social burden" facts updated, and wrote a response to the insurance agency that put out the ad. That written response also went out on our e-mail alert system, and was sent out in the packets the regional reps get following the BOD meetings. (See Hardtail's Social Burden Response elsewhere in this issue). Everyone was encouraged to take the facts from Hardtail's letter and use those facts when contacting the insurance agency. Apparently you all did your part. Included below is the latest ad that same insurance agency took out in the same local paper. Once again, we received a copy of this ad from Rick Bodoh. (See "Insurance Highlights" #2 following this article.) Thank you for bringing this to our attention Rick, and thank you to all who contacted this misguided insurance agency. Also thank you to district two director Dan VanLinn for his continuing involvement in this action. I got a call from Dan today, and he tells me he was talking to one of the girls at the Behnke

agency today. He asked if the people calling to complain about the ad were reasonably polite. She told Dan that for the most part everyone made their point without getting too excited. That is until today, when they got a call from a male caller who blurted out a line of obscenities on the phone. Mind you, this is after the agency retracted their first ad. This type of behavior is exactly why this stuff gets started in the first place. People have a tendency to look at us as slightly deranged in the first place, and cussing and swearing at them only reinforces that opinion of us. Be firm, and make sure the person you are complaining to understands that we will continue to take action if they persist in bad-mouthing bikers, but do that with the same respect you are asking them to show you.

The next thing to come up was brought to my attention from district two director Dan VanLinn. I had seen this advertisement on TV the night before, but didn't catch enough detail to really understand it. The next day Dan called me to say that he had heard the whole thing, and we needed to do something. This is a TV commercial from Bank America, advertising their credit card protection plan. In the ad, a lady is reading to her husband from a statement from the Bank America telling this couple that these charges were removed from their credit card because they had this protection. The charges she is reading are from motorcycle-related businesses. Bubba's biker bar, a leather shop, a tattoo parlor and a motorcycle shop. Her husband then says something like, "that ads up to the amount that was run up on our stolen credit card." The obvious implication here is that a "biker" stole their card. Dan had already gotten contact information and had called to complain. I wrote up an official complaint from ABATE and faxed that to Bank America using a fax number supplied to me by Dan VanLinn. I then got that information out on our alert system, and asked everyone to contact Bank America and let them know how they felt about this garbage. As of now, as far as we know that ad is still running. Included in the text of my letter to Bank America is all the info you need to contact them. I urge you all to do so ASAP (See Bank America letter follow-

ing this article).

On Thursday evening, April 3, at about 8:15 p.m., I got a call from a long time ABATE member from Tomahawk, Skip Connor. I hadn't seen or talked to Skip in quite a few years. Skip had been watching Channel 9 from Wausau that night, and heard a sound bite about an internet poll they were doing. The question on the poll that day was "should motorcyclists be required to wear helmets?" The results were to be announced on the 10 p.m. news. Skip first called the station to complain, then called me. I went out to the Channel 9 web site and got to the poll in question. Sure enough, there it was. The results at that time (about 8:30 p.m.) were running roughly 51 percent yes, 49 percent no. About 125 votes were in. I voted, and then got on the phone. Half a dozen calls later, things were in motion. I went back to the computer and watched things change. By the time 10 p.m. came there were roughly 285 calls in, and the results were 41 percent yes and 59 percent no. Great job. Thanks to everyone that participated. I haven't heard from anyone that watched Wausau Channel 9 news that night to see if and how the results were presented. No matter, we know we kicked ass. Thank you Skip for starting the whole thing going. It is amazing what a bunch of bikers can do with a phone, a computer and an hour and a half of hard work.

For me, the three incidents we dealt with these last few weeks are the fun part of what we do. We get to flex a little muscle and show the public that we are not going to lay down and let the news media use us as a punching bag. Those folks who have talked to me about all this know that I won't print my true feelings about this subject in our newsletter. There is no way I could do that without using language our editor would not print. Let's keep the pressure on Bank America. That TV ad needs to go. The Behnke Insurance agency has admitted the error of their ways and we let Wausau know that they can't con their listeners into thinking the "general public" wants mandatory helmet laws. Now let's get the "big dog" Bank America to pull that credit card theft protection plan ad.

[Editor's Note: the following texts support the actions described in Ed Williams' article above. For the sake of space and clarity the Insurance Highlights ads have been shortened to not include the standard advertising language, however the text shown here appears exactly as printed.]

Insurance Highlights Number 1

By Scott Behnke, Behnke Insurance Agencies, Inc., Fond du Lac, Wis. (920)922-3850.

"A HEADY CALL" - According to a study conducted at the University of Michigan, motorcyclists who don't wear helmets and become injured are more

likely to pay higher healthcare costs and stay in the hospital longer than their helmet-wearing counterparts. The study also found that motorcyclists who were injured while riding without a helmet were less likely than their helmet-wearing colleagues to be covered by insurance to pay for their care. For some, these findings provide further evidence for the argument that we need helmet laws for every rider in every state, not to infringe on personal freedom, but to improve safety and reduce costs for everyone. The National Safety Administration says that 2,862 motorcyclists died and about 58,000 were injured in 2000.

We recommend that everyone who rides a motorcycle wear a helmet. At BEHNKE INSURANCE, we are dedicated to proving comprehensive auto insurance coverage at competitive prices. We are an independent agency...

Insurance Highlights Number 2

By Scott Behnke, Behnke Insurance Agencies, Inc., Fond du Lac, Wis. (920)922-3850.

"LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE" - In response to the March 16, 2003 article regarding motorcyclists and the issue of wearing helmets, to make it clear it is our belief that it is up to each individual rider if he/she wants to wear a helmet while enjoying their motorcycle.

It was not our intention to question or infringe on personal freedom of individuals who ride motorcycles and we apologize to anyone who has been offended.

We at Behnke Insurance are dedicated to providing the best products and service available. The article in question was purchased from a subscriber service and we were not aware of its content until recently.

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With deepest sympathy

Nathan "Buck" Kittredge, died as the results of injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash on Sunday, April 20, 2003. Buck was known and respected by many at all levels through his vigilant support of motorcycle rights. He currently was serving as the President of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation after retiring as ABATE of Wisconsin Executive Director. A full tribute to Buck will appear here in the next issue. Anyone wishing to extend sympathy or memorials to his family may send them to our office. Emails will be forwarded to the family and cards or letters will be forwarded unopened. Mail to:

Kittredge Family
C/O ABATE of Wisconsin
438 N. Water St
Black River Falls, WI 54615

or abatewis@abatewis.org

God speed, and ride free my Beacon...

"Part Two" – on to other things

Our editor is not used to me being quite as wordy as I ended up being with my submission to the newsletter this month. She convinced me to let her take my one long report and break it into the "Media Watch" article on the front page with the rest of the information appearing here in my usual report spot so we'll call this Part Two and get on with the business at hand.

Our Land Development Committee has informed me that they don't feel it would be practical to move our corporate office to our Mead Lake location until next spring at the earliest. They feel that converting the mobile home to an office at this time might limit some of the other plans they are working on. I was hoping to have our office moved by this October. I still feel that could be done, but I will defer to the committee decision to wait. Like most of you I am anxious to make as much use of our new property as we can, as soon as we can. I also know that mistakes made now could be costly in the future. I have been assured that the committee will have a comprehensive plan for developing our property by this fall. I will hold their feet to the fire on that. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have been giving up so much time to be involved with the land development committee. That is a big commitment to make. It means at least one more meeting a month, plus time spent working on all the related tasks involved. Sometimes the committee system may seem a little cumbersome, but over the years it has proven to be the best way to go. Be patient, the results should be worthwhile.

There are going to be a few subtle changes at the ABATE office in the next few months. We have worked out an arrangement with our office manager/newsletter editor/recording secretary Martene, that will allow her not only to continue as newsletter editor for the foreseeable future, but will also allow her to act as our publisher as well. (See the board minutes for the details of that arrangement.) That means that other than the actual printing, our newsletter will now be totally done "in house." In order for that to happen, Marlene will be cutting back on the amount of time she will spend "on site" at our office. Fear not. Marlene's-trusty-partner-in-crime-Nancy will be increasing her hours in the office to enable us to give uninterrupted service to our members. Nancy has been in the office long enough for most of you to have become familiar with her voice. If things take a bit longer for a while, or the look of the newsletter changes a bit please be patient. All this will work out to be beneficial to us. Marlene's willingness to continue to put out our newsletter

is a very good thing for ABATE of WI. We have one of the best newsletters of ANY advocacy group, inside or out of the biker world. When Marlene let me know she was no longer willing to work

Director's Desk

By Ed Williams



as a volunteer newsletter editor, I started looking for a replacement. At last month's BOD meeting I informed the board that we needed to find a replacement for Marlene. There was one person who told me that if no one else stepped up, she would take a shot at the newsletter editor job. She also told me this wasn't something she really wanted to do, but would rather try than see us have an interruption in our newsletter. I want to thank our Business Agent, Dawn Everix for offering her time and effort if we needed her. I also know that at this time in her busy life the last thing Dwanda needed was another non-paying job! If things had not worked out the way they did, I would have taken Dwanda up on her offer and we would have pitched in and got a newsletter out. We should all be grateful for the devotion to our cause shown by Dwanda. Thank you.

In early April I was in Madison to attend a fact-finding mission that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was on. NHTSA was in Wisconsin to evaluate the State's efforts at preventing drunk driving. I was invited by The Director of the Bureau of Transportation Safety; John Evans to be part of a panel made up of representatives of advocacy groups. Two other panel members showed up in person, Kari Kinnard from MADD and Rev Joseph Ellwanger from Cross Lutheran. Two others participated via conference phone calls. Each panelist was expected to give a 10-minute presentation on what their group does to prevent people from drinking and driving (or in our case riding). As expected, MADD's presentation centered on more draconian laws aimed at making criminals out of people who choose to drink and drive. Don't get me wrong here, I appreciate the problem we have with drunk drivers, but we still had a constitution the last time I checked. I simply pointed out the types of things ABATE quietly does to try to keep people off the road after they drink. Things like the fact that we don't sell alcohol at nearly as many events as we

used to, and when we do, we offer camping to keep people at the event. Our Summer Hummer will be 21-year-old minimum age this year. We run don't drink and ride ads in some of our newsletters. Bikers have been taking brothers and sisters home if they drink too much to ride for as long as there have been motorcycles. We pull plug wires and otherwise temporarily disable a drunk's bike if we have to. I tried to impress on the NHTSA folks that we work quietly and among our selves to do this. Coming at motorcyclists with "in your face threats" won't work. "Educate, don't legislate". Sound familiar? Out of all this one good thing did come. John Evans has asked ABATE to come up with some ideas for a campaign that the DOT will be putting together that will be a "don't drink and ride" campaign. I think that's great. We will help in any way we can.

I'm all typed out. Later...

Washington moving faster than Madison

The best news I have for you this month is that there is now legislation introduced in both the U.S. Senate and House that will fix our problem of not

Products Report

Thank you for shopping...

A big "THANK YOU" to all of you who have been buying ABATE products! This is off to a great year. It's only April and products was able to send in \$1,600 in profits for the year. The new colored sweatshirts have been very popular as well as the black knit hats and the blue turtle-necks.

The products committee has had a meeting and things are in place for summer. We know that the board of directors has been looking at ways to get the idea across that we are not just a "Harley Group". We will have a shirt that states "It doesn't matter what you ride - we ride for freedom of the road". We will also have patches available with that same wording. Watch for next month's article for prices. And please, keep buying ABATE products!

Legislative Report

By Dave Dwyer



having health insurance companies deny us benefits in case of a motorcycle crash. The language of both bills, S 423 in the Senate, and HR 1749 in the House, The Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act is identical.

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine and

Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin introduced the Senate version. Sen. Herb Kohl still needs to be persuaded to sign on as a co-sponsor. All but two of or House members signed on as original co-sponsors of the House bill. Rep.

Obey typically does not sign on to any bills but will support us in other ways. Rep Kleczka had told us he will sign on after the bill had been introduced.

However the following email I received on April 14 shows how quickly things can change and the power of a constituent's contact with a member of Congress on an issue. This is a direct result of Pete's trip to Washington. Thanks again Pete. (Text of email - Dave - I received an email from Rep. Kleczka's office on Monday 14 April. They have contacted Rep. McInnis's office to sign Rep. Kleczka as a cosponsor to HR 1749. Since Congress is out for the next two weeks, they are assuming that the folks in McInnis's will fill out the necessary form and send it to the floor at the very end of April. - Pete")

All this was done in two trips to Washington, D. C. Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, Beth Klipping, and Pete Frede, made the first visits. This was the first

time that Beth and Pete were in Washington for ABATE. The second round of visits occurred when Buck Kittredge and Hardtail traveled to Washington on Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) business. Buck's trip was paid for by the MRF and Hardtail made the trip on his own. These are four dedicated people who are doing everything they can to help all of us.

We are planning for another trip if we need it. This will occur either as bills work their way through the legislative process or when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rolls out their new emission rules for highway motorcycles. If the new rules come out and it appears that they did not take our input seriously we will have to work with Congress to get the damage undone.

We are also watching as the agenda of the MRF for the re-authorization of the federal highway spending bill, TEA-01 works its way through the committee process. We are trying to get the federal government to make a larger commitment to motorcycle safety programs and driver education.

We are still working with Sen. Dave Zien and his staff to get the language to repair the Wisconsin Supreme Court helmet decision. This process has taken much longer than anybody thought it would. We hope to finally have the bill ready to introduce this month, (Motorcycle Awareness Month). My original intent was to have this bill passed long before now, we started work on it right after the November elections. The original draft did not do what we needed it to so we need to get the language corrected before we have it introduced.

Make your plans now to join us at the Summer Hummer at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Neillsville. The money raised there, along with the money your regions raise, goes to support the work that needs to be done to keep us riding free. Freedom isn't free, the fight is never easy or convenient, but we will, with your support, keep up the fight.

...email shows how quickly things can change and the power of a constituent's contact with a member of Congress...

Editor: Marlene Burch

Editorial Copy Deadline: 15th of each month.

Letter policy: Letters to the editor are welcome and encouraged. We reserve the right to edit or not print letters of questionable content. We reserve the right to edit letters to 200 words.

Advertising: Ads are due by the 10th of each month. All advertisements in this newsletter are paid ads and as such do not necessarily reflect the policy or beliefs of ABATE of Wisconsin. It should not be construed that ABATE endorses or promotes any events listed. We do thank our advertisers for their patronage, with which we can continue to fight for our rights.

Rates: 2 column by 2 inches \$25 (camera ready \$15) (2 columns = 4 and 13/16 inches)
2 column by 5 inches \$55 (camera ready \$40)
2 column by 7 inches \$90 (camera ready \$75)

Sizes may vary slightly depending on vertical or horizontal application. ABATE members receive a 10% discount. Three-month runs receive 10% discount. Six-month runs receive 20% discount. Contracted ads may change monthly. We reserve the right to reject ads based on content. Pre-payment assures placement if space limitations develop.

Distribution: Our goal is to have this newsletter in subscriber's hands by the first full weekend of each month. This doesn't always happen due to production, printing, and postal delivery especially in larger urban areas.

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News Brief

Those regions planning on holding events, please get your event approval form to your District Director in a timely matter. (Event forms need to be approved by your District Director prior to

materials in all of the areas we are involved in, from regional officer's manuals, Share the Road instructor kits, Tri-folds, our newsletter, Safety, education, legislation and awareness campaigns of who we are and what we do and we don't care what you ride.

It was real pleasing to read the articles of Tom Wyld from the MRF and Ed Moorland of the AMA giving a thumbs up to the members of ABATE of WI. I get their news releases via e-mail and I believe they are posted on their web site. They might even be included in our newsletter this month.

The suggestion was put out before the Board of Directors to have a column included in our newsletter about our program "Share the Road". So I will put together something to share with you that may help and keep you informed of the programs progress. MCD's advertises number of hamburgers sold and we would like to advertise the number of students taught. I would also like to have the column open to any of the instructors who might like to share their experiences with us. I read all of the student evaluation forms about our program and I get a real kick out of what some have to say. Some our pretty funny and some need to take the class again. So, if any of our twelve instructors would like to be a guest writer just shoot me an email with your story and we'll post it.

I look forward to our land warming party in May and hope you can attend.

Deputy Director's Report



By Rick Traver

them going to the office. Those of you who are sending them to the State Office first are being delayed because the office then has to forward them on to the District Director.) Check to make sure that your treasury and products are up to date before running the approval form by your District Director. Regions have been working real hard to reduce the high cost of insurance we pay to cover events, but we also need to keep in mind that ALL ABATE events need to be covered with insurance. It is for everyone's protection and is a must. General meetings are covered under a blanket policy, so have as many as you want. As membership continues to increase to an all time high, our organization is starting to show some stretch marks. On the positive side of this ever-increasing workload, ABATE of WI inc. is putting together more professional

Who's on first?

The ABATE of Wisconsin State Office is going to be experiencing some "growing pains" in the near future and your help and patience will be most

have "jobbed out" the entire process, but that would have more than doubled the cost of the publication as well as a delay of up to 30 days from the time information was submitted until it was printed and mailed. For our legislative information to be effective we can't deal with a delay like that, this needs to be a "real time" publication.

Anyway, Nancy and I spent some time talking about this situation at the office and made a proposal first to Ed for his consideration and then to the Board with Ed's approval. The solution we came up with will keep ABATE's expenses about the same as they are right now, will keep the newsletter on a real time schedule, and will keep the office staffed with as little change as possible.

For the most part, beginning on May 1, 2003 the state office will be Nancy's primary turf. Get used to asking for her and directing your requests her way. Marlene's role at the office will be limited to making the transition as smooth as possible and doing some of the "fancy stuff" that Nancy hasn't learned the potions for yet. Marlene will be remaining on as newsletter editor as well as picking up the publication set-up duties that were jobbed out to an outside contractor for the past twelve years. Due to the circumstances that forced my original decision to cut back my ABATE hours, most of the newsletter work will be done at my home allowing me to

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Office Report



By Marlene Bautch

appreciated by both of us. Both of us being the Marlene that everyone has been used to asking things for the past eight years, and Nancy the one with the pleasant voice and sweet disposition that some of you have encountered in her part-time role over the past two years.

To your benefit the sweet one will be at the office more and more as the change progresses. Marlene's taking her attitudes and centering them on the 20 to 24 pages of print you get in the mail each month in the guise of this newsletter.

If you read last month's board minutes you will know that Marlene had asked to "retire" from the volunteer duties of the ABATE of Wisconsin Newsletter. Although Dwanda had let Ed know that she'd give the newsletter a try if absolutely no other solution could be found she wasn't jumping up and down and begging for the chance. We could

As riding season approaches we're heating up

I was beginning to wonder if the real riding season was ever going to arrive this year. The flurry of activity surrounding motorcycles and our motorcycle rights sure indicate riding season is here even if my odometer doesn't show it yet. With only 700 miles on so far this year I think it might be the lowest I have had by tax day in many years but I have four good rides in the next five weeks that will get me back on track. We have Heartland STEAM coming up in Minnesota, then on to the North Carolina Freedom Fest to speak on behalf of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, then over to Ohio for the American Motorcyclist Association National Summit on motorcycle sound, and last but not least one of my very special rides to Washington D.C. for Rolling Thunder during Memorial day weekend.

We are also in the midst of our May Motorcycle Awareness campaign and Marlene tells me the State Office has sent out copies of our Public Service Announcements, and both billboard paper and vinyl banners have been ordered. A big pat on the back goes out to District Four who has placed five billboards, one in each county of the District, anyone else meeting this challenge please let me know about it.

Tom Barten, Chen Hietpas, and Rick Traver, represented ABATE Share the Road at the Drivers Ed. (WDTSEA) convention recently and signed up quite a few teachers wanting us to come and present our Share the Road program, good job crew. It seems as this program is really starting to grow and those involved should be commended for the professional look it has. A thanks also goes out not only to the coordinators but all the trained instructors who give their time. I can't stress enough how important this program is in so many ways. It seems as though we have had a

great deal of contact lately with those trying their damndest to help us. In the past month alone we have had to respond to Bank of America Credit Card services, an insurance agency, a research

Public Relations Report



By Kirk "Hardtail" Willard

institute, and at least three helmet polls being conducted. Rest assured when these types of issues are brought to our attention whether it be an insult to us, attack on us, to correct misinformation, or just to make our point known, rest assured ABATE of Wisconsin will be on the job in more places than just Madison and D.C. to protect our rights and freedoms.

Speaking of Washington, D.C. I had the privilege to be right there when a monumental event occurred. I happened to be going out with Buck Kittredge, MRF President, for a meeting between the American Motorcyclist Association and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. I had my MRF hat on during the meeting, which was an excellent meeting to discuss working relationships and the importance of working together when possible and then continued on discussing our various agendas. This type of dialogue is extremely valuable in getting us to that united front we so often talk about needing in the motorcycle rights movement. Present from the AMA was their President Rob Rasor and their VP Govt. Relations Ed Moreland, along with Tim Wyld, VP Govt. Relations for the MRF. It was while we were there we found out that a "Dear Colleague" letter

had been issued by five U.S. House of Representative members requesting other House members sign on to a letter in support of the HIPAA fix with the exact wording as the one Senator Feingold sent to the Senate as S423. It was said when 20 House members had signed on they would become co-sponsors and the bill would be introduced. In little over a week this had been accomplished and it is now known as HR1749. The very fortunate and lucky part for me was that Buck and I were there when this hit and as I said we had the privilege to be the first organizations, MRF and ABATE of WISCONSIN, in conjunction with the AMA to work the Hill for sponsors. Before we left we had met with every House member from Wisconsin to give him or her the opportunity to correct this injustice of insurance discrimination. I am proud to say that as of today six of our eight House of Representative members from Wisconsin have signed on, another has given us written confirmation he will sign the day session reopens, and only one no show out of eight but we're still trying. By the way since you're wondering if you live in Dave Obey's District please contact him and ask for his support on HR1749. We also have yet to see Senator Kohl's name on the Senate version S423 so please everyone in the state contact his office and ask for his support on his fellow Wisconsinites bill. When we (all motorcyclists) started this process there were five names on the letter, as of today I read there are well over 50 thanks to trips by at least 10 other SMRO's. A real credit to our credibility and relationships we have all worked so hard to form with our elected leaders and it shows in our collected efforts. I am glad I was the lucky one to be there the day this all happened - it was a rare opportunity, but knowing we

had 6,500 ABATE members from Wisconsin supporting our efforts was a real influence.

Back here in Wisconsin the ball was dropped in a Senate office on LRB1124, this is the proposed bill to repair the Wisconsin Supreme Court decision to give the right to reduce damages or increase liability for non-use of headgear (helmet). I can say as of today we have a new champion to pick up this bill and make a run with it. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the efforts that Joe Weigel, Michael Hupy, and Tony "Pan", have put into this. We certainly need the trial lawyers on our side to get the correct language on this one, and I think we have some great friends here who are supporting us all the way as we move forward.

On the "others" front we continue to watch our rider education funding. It is a travesty that at least three states have lost their program funding with a couple more under current threat of their money being stolen. We are also carefully watching the noise and alcohol awareness campaigns as they develop and will certainly respond as appropriate when we have had a chance to actively participate and form opinions.

Lastly, remember your Land Warming Party on May 17, the Land Committee has been putting in a huge effort to treat our second biggest resource in an excellent manner. If you haven't been there yet grab your tent, all the BYO's you need, and take a ride up there, you'll be glad you did. Now is also the time to plan for the Summer Hummer June 20-22, the entertainment this year is first class. And don't forget about the Women in Motion ride July 25-27. Get those registrations in soon this is really an excellent ride.

Ride Free, Ride Proud and Don't Tread On Me.

Hardtail responds to the "Social Burden" myth

Editor's note: the following letter was composed by ABATE of Wisconsin Public Relations Director Kirk "Hardtail" Willard in response to a recent insurance company ad (See "Media watch", page 1). We encourage all members to save this letter and use the facts and ideas presented in it whenever confronted with the "Social Burden" myth. Our thanks to Hardtail for his time and talents directed at the efforts of the "Freedom of the Road."

02, 2003 April
Mr. Scott Behnke
Behnke Insurance Agencies, Inc.
17 Forest Avenue
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Mr. Behnke,

I am writing you on behalf of the members of ABATE of WISCONSIN, Inc. regarding your Insurance Highlights column in the recent Action Advertiser. As the premier Wisconsin based motorcycle organization focused on legislation, education, and safety, we take offense to your assault on the responsible motorcyclists of Wisconsin. Each year as the riding season begins we must point out to misinformed critics such as yourself that motorcyclists are in fact not a burden on society because of their medical costs as you suggest. Many studies have shown this to be false and we have been in contact with the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA), some 250,000 members strong nationwide, to confirm these statements. According to information gathered in conjunction with Bill Kresnak, Legal Affairs Editor, and Edward Moreland, Vice President of Government Relations for the AMA we offer the following facts for your consideration. According to a study done at the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle it was noted that the general patient population was actually 3.6 percent higher than injured motorcyclists on their reliance of public money to pay their medical bills during the same period were. Also, a study by the University of North Carolina's Highway Safety Research Center showed that the

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In summary "Let those who ride, decide..."

ABATE of Wisc. Response to the Bank America Ad

As written by Ed Williams.

"Bank of America has recently been running a television ad for its credit card theft protection plan. In that ad a woman whose credit card was stolen, is reading to her husband a list of charges that were run up on her card by the thief. The list of businesses includes "Bubba's Biker Bar," a tattoo parlor, a motorcycle shop and a leather shop. As a motorcyclist, I strongly object to Bank America portraying us as thieves. The reference to the motorcycle related businesses are obvious. I have already received complaints from our membership regarding this ad. At this time I am urging all motorcyclists to contact you in regards to this ad. If we continue to see this ad running on television, I will then urge anyone who rides a motorcycle to refrain from doing business with Bank America.

number of injured motorcyclists and other road trauma victims having their medical costs covered by insurance was less than a 1% difference. In addition, the North Carolina study found that the costs of motorcyclist's injuries were actually lower than the costs for other accident victims. The same study also found that the presence or absence of a helmet was not shown to affect injury costs.

Moreland also points out that treating all motorcycle injuries nationwide is minuscule and only amounted to .001 percent of all health care costs nationwide and a significant portion of these costs are paid through private insurance. Another significant statistic to keep in mind is that in 1999 motorcycles represented only 0.53 percent of the accident-involved vehicles nationwide. The most recent comprehensive study just released at the Lifesavers Conference in Chicago in March 2003 that was completed on mandatory helmet use was conducted in the State of Maryland. Researchers reviewed loss of motorcyclists lives before their mandatory helmet law was enacted and after it was enacted it was most interesting to discover that over a 10 year period the number of deaths was not significantly different before and after the mandatory helmet law was in place. Which is not the first study to point this fact out. In the Motorcycle Safety Improvement Plan issued May 2001, NHTSA discusses a study of motorcycle deaths in both Texas and Arkansas. In Texas deaths per 10,000 registrations was 5.12 with the helmet law and actually lowered to 4.18 after the mandatory law was repealed. In Arkansas, fatalities per 10,000 registrations were 17.77 before repeal and dropped to 11.33 after the mandatory helmet law was repealed. So as you see a mandatory helmet law produces exactly opposite the results you seek.

In conclusion, because of your stance suggesting motorcyclists are a burden on society and the suggestion of mandatory helmet use we are encouraging our members to avoid doing business with your agency and instead find an

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Motorcyclists in Wisconsin are tired of being characterized as irresponsible misfits, or in the case of the Bank America credit card protection ad, thieves. A response from your corporate office telling me you will stop running that ad would go a long way towards mending the damage already done to your business through the negative portrayal of motorcyclists." (End of letter.)

If you have not seen the ad, in the above letter you will find a description of the ad I am referring to. I would suggest you all use this as a sample, and write a letter or send a fax to Bank America's corporate office. Title your letter as an "Executive Complaint".

I signed my letter as Executive Director, and put the ABATE letterhead on top, so that is the "official complaint" from ABATE of WI, Inc. The fax number for Bank America is (757)677-4262. Mailing address is: Bank of America, PO Box 2493, Norfolk Va. 23501

SafeRider Program loses all instructors!

Yes, it's true. Your rider Ed. We are no longer has any instructors. After a pretty intense weekend at WCTC in Waukesha, we have been retreated.

Safety Report



By Troll

and are now, TA DA! *Rider Coaches!* We are also really busy finishing up the last of the preparations for this year's training season. Our ranges are only partially painted with the all-new exercises, due to the snowstorms we had that dumped 6" twice on the range area. The bikes are almost all prepped, but that has been slightly delayed, too. I just wanted to let you all know that we have not been idle all winter.

Now that we are coaches, we have a totally new curriculum to work with. I mentioned this a couple of months ago, but now I have all the details. The classroom sessions are very different from what they used to be, with the students researching and working as teams to basically answer their own questions, as well as those we ask them. The old system of lecture and video

presentation is gone, and short "training aid" films are now what we will use. The whole focus of the class is now away from us and onto the student.

The riding portion has had a complete make over. Over the years, the exercises have changed with the evolution of the MRC/RSS. The old exercises had many components left over from the very first class, more than twenty years ago. The new class, called the BRC, has no old components. All exercises are completely new. The students will be shifting, braking and encountering crossover traffic much sooner than before, all in a series of drills that simulate real world riding situations more closely. They even get to use third gear! Swerving and rapid lane changes, as well as quick stops are still in the class, but the way they are presented and practiced will be more user friendly, while still producing the desired results. All in all, the new system will train riders faster, will make it easier to get the complete novice up and riding, and should eliminate most of the boredom factor for the more experienced student.

With the new BRC, comes a new schedule. We will still be doing evening classes, but they should be six sessions instead of eight, and the weekends will be Friday night, all day Saturday, and all day Sunday, rather than over two weekends. Lots of changes, we hope, all for the good of us all.

Lifesavers? Conference Report

By Kirk "Hardtail" Willard

ABATE of Wisconsin sent a sizable group to the Lifesavers conference in Chicago this March to participate amongst what is without a doubt the largest gathering of safetycrats in this country. During a session titled, How Many Motorcyclists Must Die Before Someone Pays Attention, the President of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, Judie Stone, made several inflammatory comments to the large group of attendees, some on our side and some not. I should mention the audience did include Officers and members from many of the Midwestern ABATE organizations and MRF Officers as well. I continue to be very impressed by the likes of Jay Jackson and Steve Zimmer, Executive Directors of ABATE of Indiana and Ohio respectively with the many comments they presented to reveal and clarify the facts often overlooked. Ms. Stone made comments like "an all rider helmet law is the only way to increase use", and "motorcycle riding is a very dangerous activity". She attempted to propagate themes such as we need (as motorcyclists) to be wearing helmets because of the enormous responsibility placed on motorcyclists for themselves and their community, huh? And my personal favorite that it is "socially irresponsible for government not to address an issue where people don't act responsibly", says who? When questioned about the importance of safety and education programs we received an answer that the Highway Safety Advocates limits what they do to passing laws. It wasn't surprising to later discover most of their funding for this group to exist in Washington D.C. comes from the insurance industry.

It has been such a long time since any educated person has attacked us

with the social burden theory that I must admit I was a bit surprised to hear it, although you will see in another section of this newsletter where we had to again address it. I guess our enemies have run out of anything new that is meaningful to throw at us so they are now relegated to digging up old arguments. Other speakers included David Thom, who authored the infamous Hurt study, so we could hear that in recent 2002 helmet studies that 10 of 40 failed performance tests, although five of those 10 failed only due to labeling issues, but only two were recalled at the manufacturers level and none at the consumer level. That doesn't give me a warm fuzzy feeling about helmets.

Last we heard from Joe Kufera, from the National Study Center, to cite statistics from a 10-year study in Maryland focusing on motorcycle rider fatalities. One of the important elements pointed out by Evan Hanson, District 4 Director, was that they had no mechanism in place to determine if a fatality was solely due to lack of a helmet or there were other circumstances that would have also led to death with or without a helmet, an important distinction in my opinion for any fatality study. During this portion of the presentation slide after slide was put up on the screen showing statistic after statistic and what would later provide one of the highlights in ABATE's history of protecting our rights as motorcyclists. During the question and answer period Ed Williams, our Executive Director, asked for a particular slide to be put back up. What it actually but clearly illustrated was that the rate of motorcycle fatalities actually went up since Maryland enacted a mandatory helmet law. Ed then asked the presenters, "is that why people are

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Thanks Cat!

Another board meeting, another discussion of making every rider feel a need for and a part of ABATE of Wisconsin. Those of you who have been following this in the last few newsletters know that the leadership of ABATE of Wisconsin is once again addressing the perceived concern that ABATE of Wisc. is an organization primarily for riders of Harley-Davidsons.

What can we do to make all riders

Membership Director



By Dave "Twit" Linberg

feel welcome? For one thing, we can call in the professionals and get some help and opinions from the people that are good enough at marketing to make a living doing it. At this last BOD meeting, District 3 Director Cat (Cathy) Huntowski submitted a written proposal for a marketing campaign that could explain ABATE to the rest of the world. She said it so well that I'm just going to insert some of her proposal here.

A Proposal for the ABATE of Wisconsin "Inclusion" Marketing Campaign
By Cathy Cat Huntowski

Purpose of Campaign: ABATE of Wisconsin wants to reinforce the message that this is a motorcycle rights organization that works to protect the rights of all motorcyclists regardless of what brand of motorcycle its members ride.

The campaign will produce a press kit that will contain a cover letter, press release, organizational biography and business card in a promotional folder. Printed materials using the chosen theme could include ad slicks, posters, brochures, bumper stickers, patches, and pins, pens, lapel buttons or magnets.

Target Audience: Materials will be sent to motorcycle brand affiliation organizations (HOG, Gold Wing Riders, BMW Riders, etc.) and their publications, all brand motorcycle dealerships and independent shops. Materials will be made available to ABATE members to distribute to motorcycle-friendly businesses and non-member riders - particularly those who don't ride Harleys. Tourism-oriented businesses and publications would be a secondary target audience to gain wider exposure for the organization and to attract potential members while they are out

enjoying their motorcycles. Motorcycle-related events such as AMA-sanctioned races, Tomahawk Colorama and the State HOG Rally would also be targeted with an attended vendor-type display featuring the same theme, membership benefits display and membership sign-ups.

Possible Campaign Themes:
Freedom of Choice Includes What You Choose to Ride

Two Wheels in the Wind, Now That's My Idea of Freedom - ABATE of Wisconsin Works For All of Us

We All Share the Open Road - ABATE of Wisconsin, Protecting Your Right to Ride Since 1974

We All Share the Open Road No Matter What We Ride

What Do All These People Have In Common? - They All Belong To ABATE of Wisconsin

We're All Concerned About Motorcycle Rights

No Matter What We Ride, We Ride Free

Let Those Who Ride Decide, That Includes What We Decide To Ride

Concept: Ads and printed materials would feature the chosen headline and black and white "studio" photos of up to sixteen bikers. All ages of riders, both sexes. A wide variety of brands and models of bikes from shoddy to shiny would be featured to represent the wide diversity of members in ABATE of Wisconsin. The ad and brochure copy would highlight the facts about ABATE members - that "It Doesn't Matter What We Ride, We Ride for Freedom of the Road" and clearly emphasize that message and the organization's history and accomplishments in preserving motorcycle rights and promoting motorcycle safety.

Cathy has been appointed to chair a new committee that will be working on this marketing plan. We will be reporting back to you as things progress.

The membership drive for 2003 is working well, keep up the good work! Last week we hit a new all time high for membership - by the time I get my backlog of work done we'll be over 6,300 members strong. Speaking of backlog, now that the membership has doubled from the number it was when I took on this job, please be patient. It takes a little bit longer to process a day's mail than it used to. Welcome to all the new members - when your first year is up, you will receive a reminder post card in the mail. I hope to add your renewal to my pile of work and keep you around with your rights protected for years to come.

Lifesavers Conference 2003

By Brownie

It was my privilege to represent ABATE of Wisconsin as a first time attendant at this conference. Being a conference sponsored by NHTSA one would expect the worst as far as motorcycles are concerned. In two of the workshops that I attended: alcohol and motorcycles a deadly combination and how many motorcyclists must die before someone pays attention, I really expected a beating. After NHTSA's statistician ran through NHTSA's statistics on the number of motorcycle crashes (helmet Vs non-helmet). What wearing a helmet has to do with driving all tanked up your guess is as good as mine. Patricia Turner from the University of South Florida gave her presentation. Her presentation was based on a

study that she conducted concerning the use of alcohol and motorcyclist in Florida. Her presentation focused on the fact there is a problem with mixing alcohol and motorcycles and that we need to work together to fix it, not throw a bucket on our heads and send us down the road. This was a slight breath of fresh air.

Other workshops I attended were: Distracted Driving, Youth Driving and Safety, and using Your Local Resources. Distracted Driving dealt with the different types of distractions and the number of crashes caused by distracted drivers. The state of New York is the only state that has a law prohibiting the use of a handheld cell phone while operating a motor vehicle, punishable by

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Land Development Committee Report

The North 80

By Diane Rodd

The LDC (Land Development Committee) met on April 12, 2003 at the property ABATE owns. Some of us started at 9 a.m. to get the place ready for the 'Land Warming Party'. While farmer Matt was on the tractor mowing down the tall grass for more camping area, Twit, Greg and I hauled away garbage, cut down the old deer stand and moved the huge logs over to the bonfire area. The place is looking pretty good now and is ready to entertain. We certainly hope you are planning on attending the party on May 17. We know some of the neighbors will be there as one stopped by to introduce himself and see what was going on. He's a very friendly person and mentioned he and his wife were planning on stopping on the 17. We welcome those kinds of neighbors. Good, friendly folks. The Board of Directors will be meeting at the property on May 17 at 1:15 p.m., feel free to get there on time to sit in on the meeting and see your leadership in action.

While I'm on the subject of the party, there was discussion during our meeting regarding the \$10 being charged that day. Yes, it would be nice if everyone did pay it as there are expenses for porta potties, and insurance just like a regional event, but NO we aren't going to kick you out if you don't pay it. We are asking it as a *donation* to go towards the land development and the expenses for the party. When the state party moves there are we will all still pay to get in, or if one of our regions wants to use it in the future they will pay a rental fee, or who knows what else will come up but just because we own the land doesn't mean we don't have to care for it. This property is everyone's who is a member of ABATE of WI., and eventually it will be enjoyed by all. Anyway enough said about that, just come on over and have a great time, we promise, everyone is welcome. Don't forget to BYO everything. The 'Land Supporter' patches will also be available at the party for a minimum donation of \$5.

If you remember in last month's article I mentioned we could not possibly accomplish all that there is to do in a one hour meeting once per month. So holding ourselves to a better schedule we met this time from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The weather was great and we met in the large shed where we could spread out the maps, aerial photographs, and lots of other information that was brought. We accomplished many things.

We started out by taking the priorities list for the land and organizing those. Everyone on the committee felt our number one priority would be to have the land ready for the 'Summer Hummer' to be held there in 2005. With the Hummer growing each year, this is what will generate the most money to continue to do what ABATE is all about. With this in mind we listed everything that would be needed to make that happen. As far as all the exact specifications and costs of buildings, bathrooms, band area, driveways, roads, etc. are concerned, we have now started to use our database information to contact experts in those fields to help us with the details.

The information that was sent in by some of our members we have found to be a valuable asset to this committee. (Just a reminder if you haven't sent yours in you might want to do it now. We need all of you to make this happen.

Look in January, February, or maybe this newsletter for the Database Info and send it in.) From this info we have a Licensed Engineer who is willing to donate many specific needs. We would like to thank him right now for all the guidance he has given us to date and all the guidance he will give to us in the future. 'Dan' is the man our committee needs to help us with costs, bidding, zoning/conditional use, comprehensive planning, soils maps, drainage, well/septic, layouts, approvals of plans, and way more than our committee of 11 can do by ourselves. He is on top of many of these things and deals with them on a daily basis and has already made many contacts on behalf of this committee. Dan has agreed to meet with us and go over our very sketchy plans. He will be able to guide us through many obstacles. We hope to have a *tentative* very basic layout by the Land Warming Party for all to see.

Our next order of business was to actually take our overhead diagram and topo maps and go for a ride. We all hopped in Vince's truck and toured the land, stopping many times, looking at the layouts, lay of the land, slopes, and sharing our thoughts and ideas. From this ride we were actually able to mentally picture where buildings, camping, roads, etc would be located. Of course, only if it is feasibly possible and, we will *always* stay flexible to the day something is actually built. Once we got back from our ride we started to draw on our maps. From here we now have our *very tentative, very basic layout* which we will be sharing and talking to our 'pro' Dan about.

We touched base on the lawn mower issue and decided since no one has offered one as a donation and certain liability issues it was decided we would be contacting a service to cut the grass for the summer months.

We also discussed the picnic tables I talked about last month and decided that only a few would be needed at this time as we won't have to store them or worry about them until huge numbers are actually needed. The committee has had two offers from regions to purchase them at this time and with the banquet tables that are already there, this should be enough to hold our meetings and the BOD meetings.

The LDC committee accomplished many things in the six-plus hours that we met and again I must say the dedication level on this committee is to get the job done as soon as possible but also to do it right the first time. All of yours and our dreams will someday become a reality, and we can't wait to actually see it happen. But, patience is a virtue, and all good things are worth the wait. This is an exciting time for ABATE and all of us. We have scheduled a date to meet with Dan and scheduled our next LDC meeting for another full day.

More tidbits: Organized ride to the property is still being worked out for the Saturday morning of the Hummer, and NO Cat you can't go through the campground playing revile to wake everyone up. We'll just have to hope for a great turn-out. Don't forget May 17, Land Warming Party (BYO Everything) Bronson has the tunes ready to go, get that database info sent to Greg Rodd, now is the time to step up and offer your expertise, sweat and muscle.

Until next month, ride safe, ride free and watch out for the other guy!

Land Development Committee Database Information

The Land Development Committee has met and has determined that a database of skills and expertise our members have will be a valuable tool as time goes on. All information collected will be kept strictly confidential and be used by the LDC when the appropriate times come. If you feel you can donate or volunteer any Time, Services or Materials to your new ABATE home please fill out the information on the form to the right.

This will be an on-going project by the LDC so if your situation changes or you have other contacts you feel would be helpful have them fill out this information also. REMEMBER we are looking for donations and volunteers (in other words: *freebies*). This list is not complete and subject to change as needs arise, so please check monthly and make any changes if needed.

At this time we are in the very early planning stages and have not set any time frames or have any designs. We do know there are a lot of talented individuals among our membership and would like to tap those people when the need arises. We don't know when your services or expertise will be called upon. If at such time you are called and can not help out you are not obligated to do so.

As our committee meets throughout the months ahead we will keep everyone posted in the newsletter of our progress. The LDC has also been put on the Board Of Directors agenda and will report at the monthly Board meetings held at Club 10 in Stevens Point.

Please return this form to:

Land Development
c/o Greg & Diane Rodd
1126 Schoenhaar Dr.
West Bend, WI. 53090

You may also go to the ABATE of Wisconsin website at www.abatewis.org and fill out the form which will be forwarded to the LDC.

ABATE of Wisconsin, Inc. Land Development Information

Today's Date _____

Business Name _____

Contact Person _____

Postal Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____

Home Phone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

Do you hold a state license in any field if required? List Yes or No and what field. _____

Services	Materials	Time (Mark all that apply)
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Excavating <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plumbing <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carpentry (Rough) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carpentry (Finishing) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Materials you can supply:(List) _____

Volunteer time for: (List) _____

Other: (List) _____

Mail info to: Land Development – c/o Greg & Diane Rodd – 126 Schoenhaar Dr. – West Bend, WI 53090

Social Burden

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insurer who supports a comprehensive approach to motorcycle safety. That being voluntary helmet use for adults, wearing proper riding gear, taking both beginning and advanced rider training courses, and presenting our Share the Road program to educate drivers to be aware of motorcyclists on the road. This information has been shared with the American Motorcyclists Association and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation both with offices located in Washington D.C.

as well as our members. We would strongly encourage you to refrain from furthering the false claims that motorcyclists are a burden on society and any proposals that mandatory helmet laws are an answer to anything you suggest in your article based on the facts presented. Regards,

Kirk "Hardtail" Willard
Public Relations Director
Board of Directors
ABATE of WISCONSIN, Inc.



At a recent Region 4A meeting were: Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, Wis. State Senator Russ Decker - Wausau, Wes Cambell, former regional rep, and Mike Haupt, new regional rep.

ABATE Campgrounds

Hey, Listen Up, Everyone!

If you haven't made your reservations yet for one of the ABATE campgrounds, now is the time to do it. The phone calls, emails, and reservations are coming in hot and heavy. Look at your calendars for the summer now and decide that this is something you are going to do. Even if you're not planning on any of the HD activities we will still have a great time just getting together.

Both campgrounds open August 27 and close at noon on Sept. 1, 2003. Music is planned for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, food and beverage areas will be available on site along many other things happening at both campgrounds.

The campgrounds need a lot of help. Check out the 'Help Wanted' section of this newsletter. If you volunteer eight hours of your time for ABATE you get a \$10 discount on your camping. Make sure you call or email Art & Priscilla (920)478-2096, oldfart@hurleycomputers.com for Jefferson County, or Greg and Diane (262)306-0606, biker@milwpc.com for Washington County. Gates will be open 24 hours a day, security, cleanup, information stands, and shower areas will all be run by our organization. These campgrounds stand to make a

huge amount of money for ABATE, we can only do that with every member's help. If you can help one day, one night, or more just give us a call. More information, reservation forms, and shipping info is available on the ABATE website www.abatewis.org or in past newsletters about each campground.

We have people from all over the world that have made reservations already. Australia, Canada, Arizona, Caracal, the Philippines, and from all over the USA. What a great way to have some fun and meet new people. Don't forget, everyone that comes will get a chance to see what ABATE is all about, what great PR for our state.

Thanks to those members who have already called and volunteered their time. We do have some dedicated people. CALL TODAY!

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Regional Reports



Region 1A-Milwaukee Co.

Regional rep: Tom Claymore, (414) 416-2729, tomthio@aol.com
 Meetings: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Baby Boomers, 182 E. Lincoln Ave., Milwaukee

Our last meeting again went well. We discussed our regional poker run and The Mason Dixon Run, I have books for the run if you want some, also Milwaukee Bike Works has a few. I plan on having a few more places with books coming up.

The American Legion Post didn't work out as a place for meetings since they wanted to charge us \$50 to \$100 per meeting. I told them that we were non profit and couldn't pay for a hall for just one hour or so I'll keep looking for a new place.

We had a booth at the Road Runners bike blessing that went well, we sold a few memberships and handed out a lot of tri-folds.

That's all for now, ride safe.

Tom

Region 1B-Racine Co.

Regional Rep: Karen Aigamaua (414) 422-1904, e-mail: kaigamaua@hotmail.com
 Meetings: 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Wildlife Refuge, 3518 S. Beaumont Avenue Kansasville (262) 878-4766 Hi.

I'm writing this on an 82-degree afternoon after a long ride...this weather could become addicting! We discussed the following at our last meeting:

FEDERAL NEWS:

*Highlights from Hardtail's trip to D.C. concerning EPA were discussed. The Boo-hiss quote of the month: Linc Wehry stated, "in EPA rule making, you don't get a vote!" Scary stuff...

*S423-New Bill introduced in the Senate to correct the insurance coverage loophole in HIPAA. Please contact your US Senator to support this bill.

STATE NEWS:

*Preliminary draft of legislation now written regarding settlements for injuries sustained when not wearing a

helmet (ATV rider)

*Summer Hummer (ABATE State Party)- June 20-22 at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Neillsville. Racine's own "Blind Ambition" playing Saturday afternoon. Volunteers are needed once again.

*Catalog of ABATE products that can be ordered through the mail is now available. Please let me know if you'd care to see the catalog.

LOCAL:

*Mason-Dixon Dice Run on track. Books now available.

*May 10th-Special Olympic "Ride with the Torch." Staging at Racine Harley-Davidson at about 9 a.m. Ride over to Case High School at 9:30. Come support a great cause!

*Thanks to Mike and Jackie (ABATE/HOG Liaisons), and Danno and Jennifer for representing ABATE at the last Racine HOG meeting. Nice work, folks!

It was nice to fill a room with Racine ABATE members at our last meeting. Hope to see you all (and then some!) at our next meeting.

Karen

Region 1C-Walworth Co.

Regional rep: Don Parsons Jr., (262) 728-7787, cl6235dmp@yahoo.com
 Other Contacts: Tim Lynn, (262) 723-5038, Jeff Frederick, (262)248-7256
 Meetings: at monthly run destination 5 p.m. (see event calendar)

Had a great turnout for our meeting. Brownie was there, along with people for the Mason Dixon run. Thank you all for coming to our meeting from other areas.

I would like to welcome four new members to Walworth County ABATE, Ron Eddy, Paul Zagorski, Robert Vance and George Loftus. I hope you all feel welcome and join in on the meetings. If you have a question or suggestions just speak up

I read an e-mail that I received back from Senator Neal Kedzie. Senator Kedzie said

"Thank you for contacting me. I

always appreciate hearing from my constituents and learning what issues are important to them. I am familiar with ABATE and their legislative priorities. Be aware, I have been an opponent of mandatory seatbelt and helmet laws. It is not the role of the government to restrict the liberties of our citizens. Although it may in the best interest for the individual to wear a safety belt in a car, or a helmet while driving a motorcycle, it should be up to the individual to do so.

When new legislation is drafted and before determining my position, I often speak with leaders in my district who may have some insight to the proposal. I will add you to that list of someone to speak with regarding to motorcycle issues.

Once again, thank you for contacting me. As always, if you have additional questions or comments on this or any other issue, please feel free to contact me."

Sincerely,
 Neal Kedzie
 State Senator
 11th Senate District

I want to thank you Senator Kedzie for your response, and hopefully we can get the Senator to come to one of our meetings and speak and meet with us. I also asked the members to write and send e-mails to our legislators and let them know how we feel.

The members were informed of our "In for the Long Run" schedule when our stops are, and the dates. Thanks to Nancy, our secretary, we have wallet size cards for our rides this summer to hand out. I also informed the members that all color of T-shirts are available for our "In For The Long Run."

Please read your ABATE Newsletter when you get it so you will be up to date on what's going on. You also have the Website to ABATE so you can look it up. For those who do not know what it is go to "abatewis.org" and you will get in. Check it out it is a really great web site and it will help you get into other web sites too.

I had copies of the SUMMER HUMMER advance tickets to be given out to the members, and boy they picked them up in a hurry. I will have more to hand out if needed at the next meeting on April 27 at Farmers Inn. Betty and Jack from the Elkhorn Saloon talked about the block party on May 30, 31, and June 1. So if you have nothing to do on the May 31, come on down to Elkhorn Saloon in Elkhorn and ride with us for the day. There will also be a band playing that night. The cost of the run is \$15 and the money goes to Charity. This will also get you into the party area where there will be vendors, food, and the music.

Our Porker Run is on May 25, (Sunday), at 11 p.m., at the Farmer's Inn, in Darien. Anybody who takes out a new membership in ABATE that day before the ride, will get to ride for free and save \$10.

Nancy has both the State ABATE Porker run and Mason Dixon Porker run books on hand. They are \$10 each, so get them before it is to late! Hey Brownie, no more for you in the 50/50 drawing. You have won both times you have come to our meetings! (just kidding)

Now for my quote for the month, it comes from Rowdy Rodney Piper from a movie he was in. He said:

"I'm here to chew bubble gum and kick some ass, and I'm all out of bubble gum."

Maybe it is time that we stop

chewing bubble gum and get more involved in ABATE to help protect the rights for others and ourselves.

Our next meeting will be on June 8, at Farmers Inn, in Darien, at 11 p.m. Our first ride will be on May 18. This will be an ORGANIZED run. Hopefully, we will have police escorts through the cities and towns we will be going through, like last time. You are welcome to come and join us. With the warm weather now here, ride safe and look out for others. The four-wheel drivers are not used to seeing us out there in awhile.

Don

Region 1D-Rock Co.

Regional rep: Steve "Huey" Bradley, (608) 758-2747, huey1d@yahoo.com
 Meetings: 1st Sunday, 11:30 Tremors Bar and Grille Janesville

Please join us on May 17 for the Rock County Poker Run and Membership Drive. Sign up at Tremors Bar & Grill between 10 and noon. Contact Huey for details (608) 758-2747.

Region 1E-Jefferson Co.

Regional rep: Art Schneider, (920) 478-2096

Meetings: 1st Sunday, 1 p.m., Silver Eagle Saloon, Watertown
 Hi Everyone,

May 3 is our Spring Dance, at Mugs, in Ixonia. The band will be Gator Gamble and will play from 8 p.m. until midnight. We will have vendors, Quickdraw Tattoo and Piercer, Custom Leather, and Wendy's Creations. Admission will be \$10 and new member joining that night gets in free.

The Fifth Annual "Old Time Biker Fun Run" will be June 14. Sign in will be at The Silver Eagle Saloon, 207 South 2nd St., Watertown, between 10 a.m. and noon. Party will end up at Art and Priscilla Schneider's. Bobby Evans and the Alimony Blues is the band. All vehicles and the public are welcome. We will have vendors, food, barstool racing, bike games, and event shirts. Camping is available and also a bonfire. The beer is being donated by Hubbleton Inn.

After the May 4 monthly meeting we will be doing the highway spring clean up. Come and help with the clean up and our regional rep. will buy your first refreshment when the job's done.

Take note that the July meeting will be on the second Sunday of the month, July 13, because of the holiday weekend.

The 100th campground is still taking reservations. Help get the word out to your friends if they need a place to stay. If you're interested in helping with the campground contact Art Schneider at (920)478-2096 or email: oldfart@hurleycomputers.com If you're out and about, Ride Safe.

Priscilla

Region 1F-Waukesha Co.

Regional rep: Big Roy Bergsholm, (262) 670-6584, rbergsholm@charter.net
 Meetings: Naylor's Bear Trap, North Lake, 4th Sunday, 4 p.m.

Hi, all. I nearly didn't think I'd get this out in time, my computer is giving me trouble and I had no time to send a letter through the post office. It sucks, I shouldn't be on the computer, I should be outside. The weather is beautiful, I've got yard projects, and 50 some stops to do on the Mason-Dixon Dice run.

We had a really good turnout at last month's meeting, some new faces, some people we haven't seen in awhile and some visitors from north of here. I was also quite pleased that we had a couple

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District Contacts

1. "Scooter" Bob Santee	5. Rick Traver
2. Dan Van Linn	6. Andy Mathiassen
3. Cathy Huntowski	7. Dan Frantz
4. Evan Hansen	8. Tom "Gopher" Lotwing

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BMW riders show up. Apparently they read the newsletter and got the message that they were welcome and checked out our meeting. I look forward to seeing them again.

I had a booth at the Waukesha swap meet, thanks Jingles for providing ABATE the space. We sold nine memberships, 30 raffle tickets, and some Mason-Dixon books. My apologies for anyone that may have come looking for products, unfortunately the products person I had asked to come had to do mega overtime nursing at the hospital. If you're interested in ABATE products come to a meeting, I have a catalog and you can order most of the latest in ABATE fashions.

Sunday May 25 we will once again plan a Mason-Dixon group ride. This time we'll start it out at the East Troy House (downtown East Troy) at 10 a.m. It's a good place for breakfast and a stop as well. We will then figure out where we need to go for more stops, and at 4 p.m., we will be at the Bear Trap in North Lake for the regional meeting. I will have books with me for sale at that time. If anyone that lives north of Waukesha County wishes to ride along give me a call we can meet somewhere at 8:30 a.m. and ride together to East Troy.

If you haven't gotten your ABATE raffle tickets yet I will have to turn in unsold tickets by soon after the May Meeting. Don't pass up the chance to win a 2003 Heritage Softtail! See you at a meeting!

Region 1G-Ozaukee Co.
Regional contact: Peg Dienhart, 262-375-6232, lgyppy@att.net
Meetings: 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., MacCarthy's on Hwy 1 (eye) and Hwy 33 in Saukville.

Wow - what a meeting! I'm surprised anyone showed up, but hey-we even had someone from Sheboygan County come down in the fog to join us for our meeting. Here's what's happening.

As of May, our meeting location will be changing-yes again! We will be meeting at MacCarthy's on Hwy 1 (eye) and Hwy 33 in Saukville. Hope to see

more of you members living towards the northern end of the county in attendance. Come on now, we know you're out there!

Pete gave an update on the Board meeting. The lobbying trip to Washington DC was a success with our leaders meeting with 7 of 9 officials that support us. Check out their reports in this newsletter. Membership is up...HOORAY! Keep up the good work, everyone! Volunteers are needed for the State Party in June. If interested in helping out, contact me or Pete to get you headed in the right direction. More information will also be available at the next meeting.

A patch is being developed for the recent land purchase. All proceeds will go towards development and improvements to the property that our State organization now owns.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, so get out there and get the word out. Talk to your family, your neighbors, heck even the people in line at the grocery store. We need to let everyone know that motorcycle season is beginning and to keep an eye out for us. If interested in obtaining a vinyl display message regarding Motorcycle Awareness Month, contact the State office. These are available for about \$50 and are perfect for displaying in windows.

Warmer weather and winds are just around the corner. See you soon!

Region 1H-Washington Co.
Regional rep: Greg Rodd, (262) 334-5079 biker@milwpc.com
Meetings: second Wednesday, Hartford VFW, 8 p.m.

Howdy Hi Everyone! Hope you're all gettin' in some ridin' — as I write this report the high today is supposed to be 85 (tomorrow only 47, hey it's Wisconsin!)

Memberships — signed up four couples and three singles at the chili cook off. Welcome! Try to make it to the meetings. They're a lot of fun and VERY informative!

Products — we should have some new summer styles in stock soon. We decided to bring back the "It doesn't matter what you ride, we ride for freedom of the road" shirt. It will be a little different in the style but the same great meaning. Come to the meetings to

see them and get em while they're hot!

Legislative-things are quiet with the EPA proposed emission standards, helmet use on ATV's, and rider education funding. ABATE along with the AMA and MRF are working on a fix for health insurance discrimination. Members of congress are looking for original co-sponsors of a bill that would correct this type of discrimination. Representative Sensenbrenner has signed on as a co-sponsor, let him know you appreciate it.

We had a great turnout at the chili cook off again this year with 27 chili entries and approximately 160 people through the door! Thank you to the Eisenberg Law Firm for supporting the event, thanks to all at the VFW Hall for helping again with the event and donating the use of the hall-and last but not least, thank you to everyone who helped make the event another success! Chili Winners: 1st place-John Sennott, 2nd-Dick Rohloff, 3rd-Debra Kurtz, Chef's Choice-Tony Smith, and Kid's Choice-Jim Gertsch. Congrats to Twit for winning the 50/50-and thank you to everyone who entered a chili, it wouldn't happen without you!

A big congratulations goes out to Diane for being presented the Patriot of the Year Award, this was passed on by Pete Frede of Ozaukee County. She has done so much for this organization that a lot of people probably don't know, so the award was a huge thank you to her-you deserve it Diane!

It was nice to see Jonathan Green (WTM) at the April meeting. He brought to our attention that the CD's we're using for Motorcycle Awareness Month don't work at all radio stations (MP3 format?). If you dropped off a CD to be played somewhere, contact the station to make sure that it didn't end up in the garbage!

Thank you to Tommy T. from the Hartford VFW for presenting ABATE with a check for \$200 to be donated to the 2x4 show-your kindness is greatly appreciated!

100th Campground update-if you can help with anything, contact Diane looking for volunteers! We need help 1st, 2nd or 3rd shifts August 26-September 1. Check with her on what items are still needed, all donations are appreciated! Thanks Meg for sending out the letters to all surrounding hotels - it's

created a great response!

Events-May 3, Hartford HOG is having a bike blessing, registration 9-10:30, \$10 per person, donations go to breast cancer. May 17 is the land warming party, at the official ABATE property. Check it out! The BOLD ride is also on May 17, starting at the Richfield fire station, see Top Hat or Randy for details. June 7 marks the 2x4 show at the VA hospital, good food, good people, good music-great day to come out and spend time with the vets and support those people who fought for our freedoms! The Hartford HOG bike show is June 14, registration 10:30-12:00 (wrong time was listed last month - sorry!) ABATE will have a booth set up there-come out and show support for the organizations that support ABATE! The Summer Hummer is of course June 20-21 at Neillsville, advance tickets are on sale now. Greg has tickets for the bike raffle, if you can move some let him know. Last but not least, the quad county poker run books are available, there are 30 stops in 5 counties, with the party in Fond du Lac. See Ray if you would like some books to sell, or if you want to buy your own! Thanks for bearing with me through this one, it's not always easy to write this!

'Til next month, ride free,
Penni and Laurie

Region 1I-Dodge Co.
Regional rep: Chris Kuhl, (920) 485-0391, kuhl_deuce@charter.net
Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 3 p.m. at John's, 1201 S Madison St., Beaver Dam
Region 1I - Dodge Co.

Quad-County Poker Run books are available. You can get them at The Pub in Beaver Dam and Fish n' Fun in Fox Lake or from the following Region 1I members: Renee, JR., Vince, Peevee, Chuck, Lance, Scooter Bob and Jody. We've been having good luck selling the Motorcycle Awareness banners if anyone has a place they think would be interested in purchasing one, contact Gerby. That's all I can think of for now. It's 80 degrees out and I hear my bike calling me.

Chris

Region 1J-Kenosha Co.
Regional rep: Rob De Decker, (262) 537-2895, and ride-free@wi.rr.com

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Every Spring like clockwork, bikers who want to make the trip to the "WALL" congregate in front of the Eisenberg, Weigel, Carlson, Blau & Clemens, S.C. building in downtown Milwaukee. Here they get final instructions as to the ride and line up for the police escort which takes the riders right through Milwaukee for the start of their journey. The ride eventually joins the National Rolling Thunder Rally in Washington D.C.



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ABATE of Wisconsin 2H Regional Rep. - Howard Noll, 920-993-9597

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Meetings: 2nd Tuesday 7 p.m., Cid's City Zoo, 4601 7th Ave., Kenosha

That's more like it, 20 dedicated members made it to April's meeting-I guess reminder cards DO help. If you didn't get a card but you'd like to be reminded about our meetings anyway, just let me know and I'll add your name to the list. One of those members was in a big hurry to leave after their pants split open - did anyone catch who it was? I heard it was pretty drafty in there!

The Mason/Dixon Run is now underway, and we've got some great weather to kick it off! Dennis (among others, I'm sure) has picked up several stops already, and we plan to do the same soon. This year's run has several new stops, along with two bands booked for the finale party on September 20 for some added entertainment during the day. And this year we'll have run T-shirts available, more on that next month. Books are only \$10, call Debbie or one of the five Region Reps to get one. Some run stops are selling them also, but we don't have a complete list yet. And we already have one correction - Paris Station, south of Union Grove, is closed on Mondays.

This year's Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will be held on Saturday, May 10. This is a great way to increase our visibility and cooperation with local law enforcement, as well as making some kids very happy. Be at Uke's H-D at 8:30 a.m., or at Racine H-D at 9 a.m. to participate, and WEAR THOSE ABATE PRODUCTS! If a group of us show up dressed like that, it increases our recognition, so thank you in advance. For more info call 800-924-4320 or e-mail kwhite@specialolympicswisconsin.org

Don't forget that it's now Motor-

cycle Awareness Month, time to let everyone know that we're out on the roads again. If all of us tell just two non-motorcyclists to watch out for bikes, that's a good start on keeping more of us alive to see next summer. We hope to get our Public Service Announcements played on local radio stations (thank you to Staci Moser, a new member, and to Tracy Gilliland for volunteering to help with that). We're also checking an ad in Happenings magazine or something similar, and possibly some awareness messages on signs and marquees around Kenosha (thanks to Robert Russell). I still hope to rent a billboard in town but time and volunteers are running short, so we'll see.

Speaking of volunteers, some are still needed for the Summer Hummer as well as the campgrounds that Jefferson and Washington County ABATE regions are sponsoring for Harley's 100th celebration, so if you have some free time please consider helping out. See you next month. Ride safe!

Region 2A-Sheboygan Co.

Regional rep: Roger "Bug" Woodke, (920) 528-8129
Meetings: 2nd Sunday, 1 p.m., Racer's Hall, Plymouth

Region 2B-Winnebago Co.

Regional rep: Arnie Sakis, (920) 725-8938
Meetings: 3d Sunday, 4 p.m., The Woodshed

What do you know? Sure seems like that time of the month again. The weather is trying to be nice so I hope it finds everyone out riding. I know my bike has been out and about. I think that's more than I can say about young Howard. He's waiting to become Howard the 'OL DUDE before it hits the road. He said he was trailering to the

Pothole run. What the hell more can I say?

Talking about the Pothole Run, we will meet at the Woodshed between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. We will have a bike blessing at 10:45 a.m. and leave on the ride at 11 a.m. sharp. Doug says where we are going, only two people know, and I ain't one of them. So you better make the bike blessing so you know who's hands you are in.

The membership drive is starting to come together. The date for it is June 28 with the monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Redliner, with party to follow. So everyone bring a friend along to join ABATE, and get your name put in for a \$50 drawing. Any new member that signs up will have a chance at \$25. There are a few things happening on the legislative side. We will have more on that later, or to find out come to our monthly meeting. Till we meet again, CYA, BYE. If you see anything strange, subdue it and don't let it getaway so we stay free.

Rob Ride United, Ride Free, Arnie

Region 2C-Fond du Lac/Green Lake Cos.

Regional rep: Rick "outa" Bodoth, (920) 922-5910, outa@charter.net
Meetings: see text

Next meeting Saturday May 10, 1 p.m. at the wayside on Highway 45 North of Fond du Lac. I was a little disappointed in the attendance at the last meeting. We had our meeting in Green Lake County hoping to see our members from that area. The only person from Green Lake County who showed up was Mac. Gary Shultz won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the organization, thank you Gary!

May 17 we will be getting together for a ride to the land warming party at the "North 80." \$10 to get into the party, BYOB, camping, DJ, and fun with your brothers! We will have a pickup truck going with us, so anyone who wants to pack a cooler or something in Dan's truck can drop it off at "outa" and Bonnie's, prior to departure. We will leave at 10 a.m. from "outa's" 63 N. Butler St. Fond du Lac, if you need directions call or e-mail, my number and address are at the beginning of the report.

We will be "supporting" a brat fry

May 31, and June 1, at Hansen's BP, the corner of Johnson St. (Hwy 23) and Hickory St. We need the use of the following items: picnic tables, Nescos, and grills. Anyone who has these items, and would be willing to let us use them please call me, or come to the next meeting. We will also need a few workers, and the support of the region, so come have a brat! Bratwurst, not just for breakfast anymore!

We will also be getting group rides together for Jefferson County's "Old Time Biker Fun Run" in June, and the Summer Hummer. Let's get together and do some riding this year. After all I bought/built my bike to ride, not just to look at!

See ya on the Highway.

"outa"

Region 2D-Manitowoc Co.

Regional rep: Sandy Smith, (920) 682-6598, Fax (920) 684-7460, 64511@powercom.net
Other Contacts: Evil (920)793-4652, Fran (920) 686-9122, Dean (920)553-4831

Meetings: 1st Sunday, 11:30 a.m., Drop Zone, 214 N. 8th ST. Manitowoc

Hello there, by the time you read this, the Anthill MOB Bike Show and Party will be over. I hope all of you who went had a good time. The Women in Motion Ride and Topless Bike Wash is the weekend of July 25-27. I had the wrong day in a previous report. Sorry ladies.

Behnke Insurance from Fond Du Lac stated that non helmeted motorcycle riders are a burden to society. See Ed's article in this issue.

Dean has several new products to show us. A much needed hooded sweatshirt went over quite well.

Don't forget about the P.O.W. M.I.A. Ride on September 20 that ABATE 2D (us) and the Windjammers hold together. On August 23 is the Road Rebels Charity Ride that ends at Camp Tawpawing where the Windjammers Summer Scorcher is being held.

See you around,

Fran

Region 2E-Calumet Co.

Regional rep: Wayne "Wayner" Steinfest (920) 849-3215, wayneman@charter.net

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Other Contact: Bill Lerche (920) 989-2578, lorge@aol.com
Meetings: April through September 1st Wednesday, 7 p.m., Countryside Bar, Sherwood
 October through March, 1st Sunday, 4 p.m. Countryside Bar, Sherwood **NOTE:** All meeting times are subject to change. See the Newsletter or call your rep.

Region 2F-Waupaca/Waushara Cos.
Regional rep: Rick Gorges (920) 982-3867, rerun2F@yahoo.com
Meeting: 2nd Sunday each month 1 p.m. May-October at Goode's Inn, West Bloomfield. November-April 2nd Sunday at 1:30 at In The Dawghouse in Symco.

May happens here really quick! At our April meeting we had a few bikes out on the yard. A lot got accomplished in a short time with a few members in attendance.

May 31 is our Motorcycle Rodeo at Bean City Bar and Grill in New London in conjunction with Relay for Life. An ad is in the calendar of events. Any questions can be answered by Rick as our contact person on the poster. All help is appreciated.

June 28 we are assisting the Fremont Chamber of Commerce with the Fremont River Days Classic Bike Show see the calendar of events for more information.

Any legislative concerns can be found in this newsletter or the ABATE website. No need to be redundant.

This is my last news report as the meeting dates are too close to the 15th of each month. Too many things for me to remember and write correctly these days. I can't use snail mail when our meetings are too close to the deadlines.

See ya at the meetings or wherever.
 Mare Area Rep

Region 2H-Outagamie Co.
Regional Rep: Howard Hill (920) 993-9597, holyhill@ameritech.net
Area Reps: Wayne (Winger) Hartjes (920) 766-7917, Mark (BillyBob) Johnson (920) 779-6877, Jim Stoeger (920) 788-3102, Dan (Rowdy) Altmann (920) 788-1532, Paul Lemmers (920) 788-5383
Meeting: May 13, 7 p.m. at Hot Rodz in Nichols.

Greetings brothers and sisters of the ride. Our last meeting was on April 8 at the Hog Pen. We had a pretty good turnout of 19 members and signed up one new member. Our summer long poker run stop list has topped out at 50 establishments. Good job to all 2H officers and members who worked hard to get these establishments involved with ABATE. Out of that list we also had eleven establishments sign up for membership. Thanks goes out to all of the establishments that signed up for our run and for the support of ABATE. The poker run books are in the process of being built and will be available starting May 10 so we can use them for the Pot Hole Run.

The Region 2H Harley Raffle is in full steam and we only have approximately 500 tickets left to sell. We anticipate not having any tickets left for the day of the raffle. Members who have tickets left and don't anticipate selling them should return them to a Region 2H officer so we can find other purchasers.

We have 12 sponsors for the Region 2H bike show which is being held at the Hardtails Saloon/Ray's Cycle Second Annual Summer Bash on June 7. Brian (Floyd) Flemming will be running the show. Posters and sign-up sheets will be coming out shortly so make sure to spread the word. Thanks go out to all sponsors that donated to the event. We appreciate your support.

The primary legislative discussions at the meeting included the health care discrimination issue regarding HIPAA. Region 2H members are urged to contact their U.S. Congressional Representative to request co-sponsorship of a bill, which would end this type of discrimination. For all members who will be making the next meeting remember that it will be taking place at Hot Rodz in Nichols. Many of us plan on meeting at the Hog Pen in Kaukauna at 6 p.m. and then doing a run to Hot Rodz together so if you can make it, the more the merrier. Also remember the Pothole Run on May 10. We will be signing up between 11 a.m. and noon at the Hog Pen with the run starting at noon. The ride will finish at "The Pit Stop" in Kaukauna at 5 p.m. with free food sponsored by Region 2H and drink specials sponsored by the Pit Stop.

Thanks to all and we'll catch you on

the flip side.

Howard

Region 2I-Langlade/Menomonee Cos.
Regional rep: Tinker Derks, (715) 627-0008 jd1005@newnorth.net
Secretary: Teri Schley (715) 623-3512, roading_99@frontiernet.net
Meetings: see text

Our April meeting was held on the 6, at Not Bob's, with only a few regulars in attendance. We did have one new member in attendance, Gator. Gator is the new owner of the former White Wolf in White Lake. Welcome, Gator!

Discussion took place regarding the Poker Run scheduled for April 19. Raffle ticket sales are behind so we need to sell, sell, sell. Shari has been working hard to get door prizes for the party afterwards. Hopefully the weather will be good to us. Either way it should be a good time.

The 2003 membership drive is currently taking place. For each new member you recruit you get an entry into a drawing for a free membership. So get out there and recruit. The next drawing will be at the June BOD meeting.

Just a reminder that tickets are available for the Summer Hummer on June 20-21. Advance tickets are available for \$30 each. Tinker has order forms available if you are interested.

There are two Southeastern regions (Region 1E and 1H) who are hosting campgrounds for the Harley Davidson 100th Anniversary. Both campgrounds will be open from August 27 until noon on September 1, 2003. Camping fees are \$60 per person for the entire stay. ABATE members can get a \$10 discount if you volunteer to help out.

Our next meeting will be May 4 at Grudgeville Pub. The June meeting will be June 1, at the VFW, in Antigo.

Teri

Region 2J-Adams/Marquette Cos.
Regional rep: Bruce Hall (608) 339-9041
Meetings: see text

Vera left me in charge of the newsletter column this month. It seems

her and Ron are enjoying a much deserved vacation, so you're stuck with me. Things are starting to get really hectic as far as Cabin Fever Breakout is concerned. Everything seems to be going at a slower pace this year. But we are confident that in the end it will be another successful event. By the time you read this Cabin Fever will be only about a week away. If you are planning on attending and don't have tickets yet, good luck. But call anyway as a few late unsold tickets may come back. Also remember that help is always needed. So call me and I will put you to work. The Tshirt design looks great, as usual and a limited number of them will be for sale on the day of the event.

Also, our joint event with Region 7E, The River Region's Poker Run is starting to take shape nicely. The books are ready for sale, and this should also be a good event for ABATE. Congratulations to Region 7E and to the Road House for hosting a membership drive on March 29. Although I didn't go I was told that they did very well.

Patti Witt held her first meeting for the members of 2J in Marquette County on April 8. Thirteen members came out to The Rustic Inn in Montello to participate in a fine meeting and to sample Patti's cheesecake afterward. I would like to thank all of these members for supporting her and I wish you all the best of luck in the future. It's often said that there is a place for everyone in ABATE. This is true now more than ever since it seems like our freedoms are being challenged more than ever. What ever you can do to support the cause helps greatly. Fund raising, sending letters, fax's, e-mails or just renewing your membership. It all makes a difference. Well, have a nice summer.

Bruce

P.S. Support our Troops

Region 3A-Brown/Oconto/Marinette/Florence/Kewaunee/Door Cos.
Regional rep: Gary Bialozynski, (920)

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822-5041, abate3a@netnet.net
Other Contact: Bronson Smith (920) 490-0897, Don Liegeois, (715) 758-2504, or Gil St. Charles, (920) 846-4827
Meetings: 1st Sunday, 1 p.m., Little River Inn, Lena and see report for Green Bay info

Hello region members or maybe you want to be a member, come to one of our regions meetings (first Sunday Big John's 1 p.m. or 2nd Tuesday night 7 p.m., Willie's Neon Moon).

March 23 included two events on one very sunny but a little chilly day. First from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m., the Swap Meet at Riverside Ballroom with various parts old and new, clothing, ABATE Products and lots more. Secondly was the Spring Thaw Party at the Manhattan Night Club. There was a good turnout and lots of fun. (Thanks to all who participated in helping out, this makes a great event)

May is Motorcycle awareness month! Our region sponsors a billboard (Big John from the Little River Inn has donated the billboard again this year, everyone give Big John a BIG THANKS) and will be on HWY 41/141 for northbound traffic, just south of

Abrams Lumber.
All raffle prizes are in place for the Labor Day party. We just need to get tickets printed. Support Abate and the regions you live in.

May all have a good month (I know the Steam Conference will definitely pump some people up, April 25-27 think about going one time, you will be impressed)
Ride safe, keep motorcyclists rights in mind!

The district Poker Run has three more stops for you to add to your books. This is the only time they will be printed here, so grab you book and add them now.

- 65. Long Branch Saloon , 787-3326, W11218 Grunewald Rd., Lyndhurst. Wed-Mon 11 a.m.-close; Tues 4 p.m.-close
- 66. Northern Lights, 524-2533, 142 So. Main St., Shawano, 8 a.m.-close every day. Pizza and entertainment
- 67. Vet's Club, 535-2822, 208 Cedar St, Tigerton, 11 a.m.-close every day. Donnie

Region 3C-Shawano Co.
Regional rep: Bob April, (920) 848-2311
Area Rep: Al Giese (715) 526-9719
Other Contact: Mark or Susi Jackson,

(715) 524-2675
Meetings: see text

Region 4A - Clark, Marathon/ Taylor/ Wood Counties

Regional Rep: Mike Haupt (715) 355-1106. Wood County Area Rep: Donny Hetze (715) 457-2796 dhetze@tds.net, Clark and Taylor Counties Area Rep: Tom Babbit ((715) 229-2725 wild1s_@excite.com Area Rep for Taylor County: Dean Hommel, Home (715) 785-8025 Fax (725) 785-8026 blrckbmw@med.pcpres.net Area Rep for Marathon: Jeff (Digger) Crowover, (715) 241-9363 digger3@charter.net Secretary: Cécile Stelzer "Frenchie" (715) 325-1930 frenchie@wctc.net. Other contacts: Kirk "Hardtail" Willard (715) 421-0717. Meetings in Marathon: For the 1st Wednesday meetings, at 7p.m., the locations are: Eagle II for May, with an appearance by Dave Zein, Sam and Cody's Cruise-in for June. In July, the meeting will be outdoors at the Office Bar. In August, it will be at Brother J's and the members will get a free pizza. In September, the meeting will be at the Moose Lodge in Wausau. Congratulations to our brothers and sisters in Marathon, whose numbers are growing by leaps and bounds.

In Wood: 2nd Tuesday, 7p.m. at "4 Stools Short" Wisconsin Rapids.
For Taylor and Clark, in May the meeting for Clark and Taylor counties is moving to Rip's in Riplinger for a few months

At 4 stool short, we began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

The Dart and Pool tournament and chili cook-off at Eagles II on March 23 was well attended and we are pleased to announce that Lori Skerven won the chili cook-off. Mike Hagen, a new member from Fond du Lac won the Dart tournament and in a nice gesture put his prize back in the pool to be auctioned off. Tom Babbit was the lucky person who got the oil change for \$25.00.

Thanks to those who stepped out and delivered the Poker books for the Fun Run and to Pat Bahde who made sure that each county got the books they had coming. All establishments that requested books should now have them.

On the political front, a poll by Channel 9: First they presented a one-sided piece about fatalities by non-helmeted motorcyclists, and on the heels of that asked the audience to vote on a rather predictable question at their web site (waow.com) "Should we require motorcyclists to wear a helmet?" When you get a chance, let them know what you think of that kind of "journalism".

Hardtail also responded vigorously to an attack by Behnke Insurance Company in Fond du Lac. That company portrayed motorcyclists that do not wear a helmet as a "burden to society." He gave them a few facts that should hopefully straighten them out in a very well written piece. Thank you for your hard work, Hardtail.

Ed Williams objected to Bank of America about an ad to promote their credit card theft protection plan. In that ad, a woman whose credit card had been stolen is reading to her husband a list of charges that were run by the thief. The list of businesses included "Bubba's Biker Bar," a tattoo parlor, a motorcycle shop and a leather shop. The attack on motorcycle related business is obvious and offensive. We hope that you may write to Bank of America and let them know how you feel.

You may want to contact your US Congressional Representative and ask him/her to become a co-sponsor of the "Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act of 2003":HIPAA (the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) was signed into law in 1996. Its aim is to prohibit employers from denying health care coverage to an employee on the basis of their recreational activities. Unfortunately, in 2001, the Department of Health released the final rules governing the HIPAA legislation: Under the ruling, the benefits can be denied for injuries sustained in connection with these activities. (They will take your money but won't have to pay your claims.) at <http://www.abatewis.org> you will find the email address of your Representative and help you send and email to him/her from there.

For our local news now:
At the Center Point Mall on May 4, there is a Harley Bikes show. It runs from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., but you can set up beginning at 9 a.m. Don't forget on May 10 the Region 4 Spring Poker Run: all riders welcome. The cost is \$10. Sign up at the Office Bar in Wausau or 4 Stool short in Wis. Rapids from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Both groups will meet at Eagle's II

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Saloon between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m., and end at Kathy's Road House.

May 17-18 there will be a Party at the ABATE site, North of Neillsville. For those who don't like the idea of the \$10 to camp there, please realize that Porta-Potties are not free, and the land is pretty much virgin territory. Come give us a hand. Another important date is the Memorial Day Ride on May 26. We will end up in King, at the Veteran's Home. The plans for the ride have been finalized. At this point, the Wood County group will be leaving from Lance's Never Inn, (South of Rapids on 13, just north of Lake Nepco). Dean Hommel and Mike Haupt will meet us with their respective groups in King itself after a bike blessing, which will be held at Restlawn Memorial Park, located at T4710 N. Troy Street in Wausau at 10 a.m. The ride will leave from "the Office Bar" in Schofield at 12:30. Hope to see you all there.

Tom also talked about the Experienced Rider Classes. They will be held on May 17 and 18 in Wisconsin Rapids, and June 14 and 15 in Stevens Point. The other dates are July 5 and 6 and 19 and 20, as well as August 2 and 3. There is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 12, first come first served, but you may bring a rider too. Beside the obvious advantage of learning to control your machine better, please consider that many insurance companies offer a 10% discount if you take this class. If that wasn't enough, if you belong to HOG, GWRRA, or BMWMOA, you can get reimbursed for your tuition. Call Tom Barten for further information (431-0956).

Donny passed around some posters for the Annual Mosquito Fest. It will be held at Boners Again in Nekoosa on June 28, from 11 a.m. till whenever. There will be food, music and other entertainment, free food, camping and beer with the \$15. Admission/cover charge.

There will be a Pig Roast on August 16 at the Olde Towne Saloon in Greenwood. That is on the same day as the Ride to the High Ground, which is nearby. Details to come in the next ABATE Newsletter.

Evan won the 50-50 raffle and put the profit back in the pool for stamps.

Thanks, Evan.

As the riding season is on, make sure to come to our monthly meetings and give us your input so we can be the organization you want us to be.

Secretary,
Cécile Stelzer (Frenchie)

Region 4B-Portage Co.

Regional rep: Tom Barten, (715) 341-0956

Other Contacts: Pat Bahde (715) 341-0956, Ken/Joan Carpenter (715) 341-7757.

Meetings: see text

Meeting was held on April 1 at Morey's in Stevens Point. Tom Barten called the meeting to order and we opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for downed brothers and sisters. Board meeting minutes were reviewed and discussed.

There was mention of some product changes, and the idea of region flags was again brought up. Also the possibility of getting a District flag was discussed. The banners for Share the Road are available at a cost of \$50 from the State office, and anyone interested was told to contact Marlene.

All the counties in our District have the motorcycle awareness billboards going up in late April to early May. The Marathon County one will be on Grand Avenue in Schofield. The Clark County one will be near the fairgrounds in Neillsville. Portage County will have theirs by the Rogers Cinema in Stevens Point on Business Highway 51. Wood County's will be on the north side of Marshfield on Hwy 13. Taylor County's will be on Hwy 13, just south of the city limits of Medford. The added bonus is that all these sites are illuminated at night at no additional charge to us.

There has been no confirmed date for a Legislative Day at Madison as yet. This may be held later this year or not at all this year with the budget crisis in the state.

Books for the "Heart of Wisconsin Fun Run" were on sale at the meeting. Run will go from April 1 to September 27 this year. Cost is still \$10 per book with no limit on number of books purchased. Drawing of hands will be at Whitetail Inn east of Spencer this year. Books are available at many of the bars participating in the run (they are listed on the posters this year) and are also

being sold by reps at our meetings. So join the fun! Over \$2000 in prize money this year as well as many door prizes donated by our stops.

We now have dates when either "Troll" (Tom Lane) and/or Sharon & Dean Hommel will be available for ERC classes in the Point area. I have started calling people who were already on my list of interested parties. If you are not yet on that list and would like to be included in an ERC in this area, please contact Tom or me at (715) 341-0956 for availability.

Clark and Taylor Counties are having a leathers raffle and we have some tickets available for sale here in Portage Co. Again, if you would be interested contact Pat or Tom. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Two leathers prizes and 2 one year membership in ABATE are the prizes. Need not be present to win. Drawing on August 16.

Two things that have been brought to our attention by members: First was a comment regarding the amount of smoking at meetings. Some of our members are non-smokers and/or asthmatic so they avoid meetings altogether or leave early. We cannot control the bar patrons where the meetings are held, but Tom suggested that perhaps the membership itself could refrain from smoking during the meetings. What do you think? This will probably be addressed at the next meeting as well. Comments needed.

The second thing was that some members seem to do a lot of "visiting" either with each other or with friends they see in the bar and make it difficult, if not impossible for those around them

to hear what is being discussed in the meeting. I understand that once again we cannot control the bar patrons. Perhaps if you run into an old friend you could either move away from the meeting area with them so others can hear, or tell them you are at a meeting and would like to visit with them when it is concluded. The meetings generally run about 45 minutes to 1 hour, so this seems feasible. Again, we would like comments from the membership at the next meeting.

Our region's Spring Poker Run will be held the first weekend in June. We will try to have posters ready for the next meeting. Bill Sukow, one of our area reps has volunteered to start setting up the run. Any volunteers to help him set up the route?

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at Rustic Pines (the old Jordan Bar) on Hwy 66 east of Stevens Point just before Jordan Park. They are normally not open on Tuesdays, but are opening especially for our meeting so we should have the whole place to ourselves. The owner even indicated she would open the kitchen for us if needed. Hope to see you all there.

P.S. The attendance prize was won by Jose DelCastillo, but he wasn't present at the meeting so the attendance prize will now go to \$30 for May. We also neglected to hold a 50/50 raffle at the April meeting. Anyone willing to sell tickets at the next meeting, please step forward at the beginning of the meeting.

Thanks!

Pat Bahde
Secretary/Treasurer
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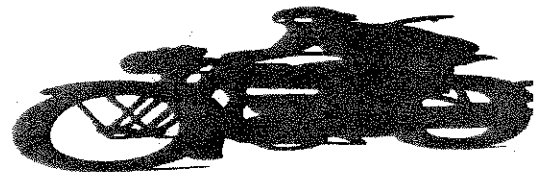
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For More Info: Greg and Diane Rodd (262)334-5079

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Region 5A-Iron/Vilas/Price Cos.

Regional rep: Deb Savage (715) 476-0312, Savageloon@excite.com
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Meetings: See text

Next meeting is on May 17. It will be a short one during Ziggy's run. Hope everyone got their renewal package we sent out last month. By the way I want to thank Dawn, Gina, and Pat for helping stuff, stamp, and seal them. Thanks. Ziggy's run begins at the Heart Of The North in Mercer, Saturday May 17, 11 a.m. is sign in, we take off at noon. Hope to all you folks there.

RD & Savage

Region 5B-Lincoln/Oneida/Forest Cos.

Area Rep: Bob Spalda (715) 224-2542
Meetings: See text

Region 6A-Ashland/Bayfield/Sawyer/Washburn/Barron/Rusk Cos.

Regional Rep: Dan Rogers, (715) 865-6708 leatherworks@jrec.net
Area Rep: Ghost Rider, (715)865-2008 ThomComm1@centurytel.net
Meetings: see text

Our April meeting was held at Adventure Bar in Rice Lake, at 1 p.m. Thank you Ruth for the nice cheese tray you put out for us. We had a good turn out. The meeting was brought to order. George gave us a treasury report of how well we did at the March 1, benefit, which was good, and again I thank everyone who came and helped.

We had visitors from 6B at our meeting. They were Jim and Sue, who are always welcome. They wanted to discuss the Danbury function that is held each year and of course we were asked

to help, which is always a pleasure. More to come on that in the near future. We will have another joint meeting with 6B May 18, 2 p.m. at The Fish Bowl Bar at Danbury, (which is the new place the event happens this year), to discuss the final touches before the event. We will have a poker run on the day of the event for all who are interested from 6A. More on that later.

Our next meeting is at the Pit Stop in Spooner, May 4. The June meeting will be held at the Bear Trap in Mikana. That is on Hwy. 48, east of Rice Lake, and west of Birchwood, June 1. We also took a vote to purchase another ABATE Flag for our Region, because we have to retire our very first flag from the Namekagon Region. The vote was unanimous with a big sigh in the crowd, so we hope to have it soon.

We want to thank Butch for manning the booth at the Bike Show at Cedar Mail. He signed up a lot of new members as well as got some old members back, and congrats, are in order. Butch accepted the position of Area Rep. again, for what I call 6A West. Butch is a great asset to ABATE. Keep up the good work Butch, and Thanks. We had a motion to adjourn from Dirty Dan and Sue gave a second. The majority of us went over to the Bike Show to look around and see Butch hard at work. The weather is getting nice out there, "LOOK OUT FOR THE OTHER GUY". Ride Safe!

"Til Next Time"

"Ghost Rider"
Area Rep. 6A

Region 6B-Douglas/Burnett Cos.

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384-9464

Meetings: see text

The April meeting was called to order by Ron Cairns at approximately 7:28 p.m. on a cold, snowy, icy Friday night. Ron thanked all those who ventured out to attend the meeting. There were two new members and 18 members present. We discussed the time of night the monthly meetings are held. A motion was made by Tom B. to hold the meetings at 6:30 p.m. and seconded by Donna A. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. the first Friday of every month. Another topic we discussed was the location of meetings. This was tabled for further discussion. The Bike Show date is soon upon us. We discussed several issues concerning the show, such as corporate sponsorship, our objectives of the show, vendors that will be attending, and once again asking for volunteers to help. The posters are done and are out and about around town. The bike show is growing by leaps and bounds and along with advertising, word of mouth and posters, mailings and such, the show should be larger than large inside of five years. The Billboard party is right after the show... food, fun and raising money for Motorcycle Awareness Billboards. Did I mention fun?

Danbury Party plans are coming together. If you would like to participate in the planning, setting up, helping in anyway possible it would be great!! We need able bodies for various jobs including help with security. We need help taking supplies from the old site to the new site, putting up fences, doing all the odds and ends needed to bring it all together for one big happy party. May 18 at the Fish Bowl is the date for last minute details, 2 p.m. Admissions into the party was next along with discussing

cleaning up the intersection at the entrance (Duck will be taking care of that job!). The poker run to the party will be planned by Andy, from 6B and Mike from 6A. So far the plan is to meet with 6A at some point and ride to the party together.

In the March swap meet at the DECC we signed up 7 new members. We are lucky to have with us Robert Haller, Dorrie Meyer, Patrick Meyer, Lester Tompson, Stan and Ruth Reeve, and Doug Martineau. Our two new members present at the meeting were Dale Lundgren and Dan O'Neil. A big welcome to all of you!! On behalf of 6B members thanks Ron and Wayne for working the swap meet!!

Time to clean once again. Our section of highway, two miles south from the Roadhouse needs our attention once again. Meet at the Roadhouse on 53 the weekend after the Bike Show, 11 a.m., May 3. If it rains we will meet at the same time May 4, Sunday. Come on, you never know what you will find!

Treasurer's report was given. Paula also suggested that we give briefer reports regarding our various activities and if anyone would like to have some input you are more than welcome to attend the planning meetings. Good point Paula! Ron discussed literature he has gotten time by snail mail...Group run to Neilsville and so on. We had a great meeting, which was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

I, for one, am proud to be a part of 6B and have come to know some great people. We have wonderful members and the camaraderie overcomes any and all obstacles. OK, done with the gushing and the minutes. Until next time....

Which will be the first Friday of May... May 2 to be exact at 6:30 p.m. Did I say

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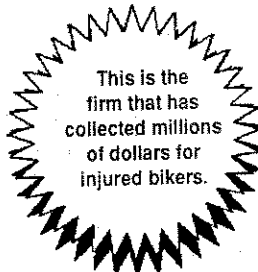
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6:30? Oh yeah, that's right 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Deck in Superior, by the fair grounds. See you there.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene Wiesner

Region 7A-Pierce/Polk/St. Croix Cos.
Regional Rep: Gary Brecht, (715) 796-7025 cherokeewzl@yahoo.com
Area Reps: Tom Maes, (715) 265-4142 and Al Hauser, (715) 425-6584
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month 7:30 p.m. at The Blue Moon, 1/2 mile South of 64 on Cty Rd T, New Richmond
NOTE: For June meeting only: Rex's "Ranch" Baldwin (see below)

Thanks to the 15 that showed for the last meeting at the Hammond Hotel. Don't forget the new meeting place starting May 14 is The Blue Moon (formerly The Silver Dollar). Lot more room for the meetings, drink specials and great food too. The June 11 meeting will be at Rex's "ranch" at 6:30. Rex is South on 63 off I-94 to the St. Croix/Pierce County Line Road, take a left and follow the signs (bring your own beverages).

The 2003 March Into Spring Party was a success! Thank you all for coming, partying with friends, dancing to the great band "Chain Lightning" (thanks Rick Lombardo for putting it altogether for us!) and supporting ABATE and our freedoms. Thanks to Mike Samuel for getting all the fantastic raffle prizes once again and to all the volunteers that watched the doors, helped with the drawings and sold tickets (it was our best year yet). There were some new memberships and some renewals too. Thanks mostly to the Coachman for hosting us another year! We couldn't ask for a better deal! With that in mind, it was voted that we want to keep the party at the Coachman with the same venue (March date, band, raffles, etc.). Gary is contacting them to lock in a date for next year.

Ben had the new hooded zip front sweatshirts with the ABATE logo and turtle necks. Really nice. A lot of products were sold at the March party too so a lot of old inventory was cleaned out, ready for new stuff again!

The Bank of America is airing a commercial about credit card theft

protection that has gotten a lot of attention from the biker community. It runs down a list of fraudulent charges that includes "Bubba's Biker Bar" and a tattoo parlor then shows the thief is a biker. Contact the B of A and express your displeasure (they have an 800 number too!).

The Adopt-A-Highway ditch clean up date has been set for Sunday May 18. Please meet at noon at the Crossroads Bar & Grill (intersection of Highways 63, 64 & 65 just south of Deer Park). Bring your prize stabbers! It's always interesting to see what the world throws in our ditch (to say the least).

The Health Care Insurance Bill has a number now: \$423. This isn't just about motorcycling but could affect the insurance pay out on your kid and his skateboard mishap as that could be deemed a hazardous activity. Send your letters, emails and make your calls to Senators Feingold, and Kohl to show your support! Liz mentioned that Joe Plouff has an email newsletter that he sends out that is really informative. Contact him at Rep.Plouff@legis.state.wi.us or call 1-800-362-9472 to inquire about what's happening.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. The price to sponsor a billboard now is about \$500 so that idea won't work. It was suggested that we write letters to the editors of our local newspapers. Vicki volunteered to draft a letter and email or mail it to the others that signed up to send them in. A lot of people read that section. Thanks Vicki! Other suggestions kicked around were radio spots (public service announcement), banners (Ben bought some last year and put one in the Glenwood City drivers education room and on his service station) and even making up some yard signs.

The "Land Warming Party" is May 17 at the new land. Bring \$10, your tent and sleeping bag and your own beverages. We're thinking of sponsoring a picnic table for the new land too but there wasn't enough information available yet to make a decision. And don't forget "Robin's Run" is June 7 and 8. Please see the calendar in the newsletter for more information on these two events.

Spring has sprung, the grass is turning green again, the birds are singing

and the sounds of motorcycles are everywhere. Remember to keep it safe and hope to see you at the Blue Moon and at the ditch clean up on May 18! Support our troops!

Rocki

Region 7B-Chippewa/Dunn/Pepin/ Buffalo/Eau Claire Cos.
Regional rep: Steve Lowrie, (715) 720-8034, SRLowrie@msn.com
Meetings: 1st Sunday, 1 p.m., Shooter's, Menomonic

Hello again. I will begin by apologizing for not being at the last meeting, but a family emergency required I be in Texas. Harpo, thank you for running the meeting. I was told by a reliable source that you did a great job. Since I wasn't at the meeting I don't have much to say.

I was riding into Hallie and noticed that our flag isn't flying at the park. I will get in touch with the people in charge of the park and make sure our flag is flying

I have one other item, May 26 a memorial ride for Randy Gerrits and John Kosakowski will leave from the Wooden Nickel, County Highway J, Chippewa Falls at 12:30 p.m.

Thanks,

Shooter

Region 7C-La Crosse/Vernon/Trempealeau Cos.
Regional rep: Paul Wuensch, (608) 486-4105, pwuensch@juno.com
Meetings: 1st Sunday, 1 p.m., See Text

Our April 6 meeting took us down the road to the Jailhouse in Centerville. Nineteen members were present. Paul called for a moment of silence honoring not only our fallen brothers and sisters, but also our troops over seas, as we all continue to fight for our freedoms. New faces this month were Ken and Sandy Howe and Craig and Debbie Etlicher from the Holmen area. It's exciting to see new or renewed interest in the region. Thank you for joining us.

Sue ran through our financial situation including the chili cook-off

profit. It was agreed that we proceed with motorcycle awareness billboards for May. Collins Sign Company has quoted Paul a price and will place one sign per county. Location selection is up to Collins. Our friends at La Crosse Harley Davidson have jumped on board with us this year. They've added a generous donation to this purchase and we are thrilled to have them as co-sponsors.

For those of you waiting for ABATE products, Doug holds the catalog and has been promised that the last order will be shipped ASAP. You can purchase product through Doug and there is no shipping charge, or you can order to have articles shipped to your home but you will be billed for shipping. It's a no-brainer. Order your T-shirts and attend ALL your meetings and save a buck or two.

We will continue to travel for the next three meetings. The schedule is: May 4-Alumni Inn, located at 620 Gillette Street in La Crosse. It's a half block East of Rose Street. June 1-Returning to the Jailhouse in Centerville. July 13-Back to the Alumni Inn. We're moving this meeting back a week so it doesn't interfere with the Fourth of July weekend. In August there is no meeting, as many venture west to Sturgis.

Some Fun State level news, May 17 is set for the Land Warming Party. Porta-potties and a fire are all that is provided so this is bare bones camping at it's finest. If you like it rough, this is your night. Also, for the Summer Hummer, if you purchase your tickets in advance, you'll save yourself \$10.00 per person. That money may come in handy when you're there, you're hot and sweaty, dancing up a storm, dying of thirst and your pockets are empty....Oh, enough about me.

Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday May 31. Charlie Berry has a terrific 7C-7D poker run set up. This year Cindy Thompson from "Cindy's" in Mindoro will be the sponsor. She is the starting point at 9 a.m. and the finishing

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Deadlines: purchased through Officers/Coordinators: June 14. Purchased via mail orders: June 17
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Gate Admission for MEMBERS - \$40/Single, \$60/Couple. No personal checks. Must have MRO member card and photo ID.

Ticket Information for people who are not members of a Motorcycle Rights Organization:
Advance Tickets not available to Non-members of Motorcycle Rights Organizations.
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spot at 5 p.m. Stopping points along the route are, The Stomping Grounds on the edge of Monroe county, Sunset Tavern in Black River Falls, The Blair House in Blair, Log Cabin in Bangor and the Jailhouse in Centerville. It should be a beautiful ride with gorgeous scenery. In case of rain it will move to Sunday.

Last couple of things, if you have any Summer Hummer bike raffle tickets remaining or cash from selling them, Paul needs you to return both to him no later than June 1. And, as the weather warms up and you're starting to roll down the road, remember, ABATE doesn't care what you ride but that your right to ride is protected.

Until next month,

Tammy

Region 7D-Jackson/Monroe Cos.

Regional rep: Dave Zinke (608) 372-9431

Other contacts: Doug Smith (608) 372-3870

Meetings: Third Sunday, 1 p.m. Strike Zone, Tomah

Thanks to all of you who helped with and attended the Bike Show and Swap Meet. Special thanks to Doug Smith, Chris and Marlene for all the hard work.

Mark your calendar for Saturday May 31. Charlie Berry has a terrific 7C-7D poker run set up. The ride starts at Cindy's in Mindoro at 9 a.m. Things end at the same place at 5 p.m. Stops along the route are: The Stomping Grounds on the edge of Monroe county, Sunset Tavern in Black River Falls, The Blairhouse in Blair, Log Cabin in Bangor and the Jailhouse in Centerville. In case of rain the ride is Sunday, June 1. Join us, and 7C, for a great ride, in some of Wisconsin's best riding country.

Region 7E-Juneau/Sauk Cos.

Regional rep: Tim Westergard (608) 847-6074, region7E@yahoo.com

Other Contact: Cindy McCormick, (608) 562-5627

Meetings: see text

Next Meeting: May 4, 4 p.m. at the ROADHOUSE

My Special thanks to Patti in 2J and Cindy of 7E for getting all the Sauk, Marquette, and Adams stops taken care of on the River Region's Poker Run. Without your help, we'd still be out there pounding the streets.

I'm anxious for this riding season, as we all are, but there's going to be a lot to do this year, so make sure you have your calendars marked. Region 2J's Cabin Fever Breakout is getting near (May 10), and tickets are going quickly, so get your tickets NOW so as not to be turned away

May 17 is the land party at our ABATE property, so get your gear ready for that. May 1 is our RIVER REGIONS POKER RUN in Adams, Marquette, Juneau, and Sauk Counties. Get your books now and be ready to ride, win, and have some local fun.

Ride Safe, see you soon,

Tim

Region 8A-Crawford/Grant/Richland Cos.

Regional rep: Rick Brown (608) 348-5530

Meetings: see text

We had our April meeting at The Last Chance in Richland Center. Despite the crappy weather we had a great crowd. We covered a lot of things. Paul informed us that Bank America likes to portray bikers as thieves, so I would think twice about doing business with them. He also updated us about what's going on with the EPA. Gopher was also there and answered questions about the EPA bill and a lot of the other things. If

you have a submission for the 8A patch you need to get it to one of us by next months meeting, so we can get it approved.

On June 8 there will be a dedication ceremony in Richland Center. Where Hwy 14 from La Crosse to Richland Center will be christened as The Purple Heart Hwy and Richland Center will be The Purple Heart City. Griff from the US Veterans MC was there to speak about this. A parade will start at 9:30 a.m. at Dayton Hills and end at the American Legion Hall. The ceremony will go from 10:00-11:00 with a poker run to follow. All proceeds will go to the Veterans Home of Union Grove. We plan on being part of the proceedings and will discuss it more at the next meeting.

Burghy had an idea of having another form of entertainment at our Preston Party this year, an X-rated hypnotist before the band. If you have any ideas let us know. We still have raffle tickets for the bike at The Summer Hummer for sale and forms for advanced tickets. BHFV will be holding a benefit ride for Habitat for Humanity on May 3. It leaves the Park in Boscobel at noon. The Dickeyville Hill Climb is May 18 and once again we will have a booth there so stop in and see us.

Our next meeting is also Spring Highway Clean-Up. We will meet at the picnic table on 81 north of Ellenboro at 10:30 a.m. on May 4. The meeting will follow at the Arthur Bar. Our June meeting will be on the first at The Silver Spigot in Cassville at 7 p.m.

Ride Free

Jesse

of fun! June meeting is at 7 p.m. at Club LaMark, Madison. July meeting is at 6 p.m., July 15th at BJ's following highway cleanup, Rain date is July 16. August meeting is August 12 at 7 p.m. at Water's Edge. September meeting is at BJ's following highway cleanup at 6 p.m., Sept. 9, rain date September 10. Don't forget, May's meeting is a highway cleanup if you are there, your name will be put in for a drawing for \$20. Be there at 6 p.m. at BJ's.

Region 8C-Iowa/Lafayette Cos.

Regional rep: Julie Zomok 608-930-1123

Area Reps: Jim Blabaum (608) 935-1347 and Jerome Fogel (608) 776-4375

Meetings: see text

Region 8D-Green Co.

Regional rep: Chuck LaGrange, (608) 439-1970

Meetings: 1st Sunday, noon, Don's Horseshoe Saloon, Monroe

Region 8E-Columbia Co.

Regional rep: Cyclops lowrider1978@hotmail.com

Area Rep:

Meetings: 1st Sunday, 1 p.m., Wild Bill's Saloon, Main Street, Pardeeville.

Our flags are located at Wild Bill's Saloon in Pardeeville and are always on display for our meetings. The Pledge of Allegiance was said along with a moment of silence for our servicemen serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Meeting opened at 1p.m. and was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Ten members were in attendance.

Old Business: Posters are ready and were handed out to the members attending for distribution. We still are looking for donations and vendors. Greg Heaps, in products, will be going to local area business men in search of donations for Chandler Park. We wish him luck. Hopefully he and the many others collect much, Sue and Woodstock among them. Also we are selling raffle tickets for 2003 Heritage Softtail Classic that will be raffled off. Thank's again for all those who have dedicated their time to making all this work.

New Business: Still working on all the details for the Second Annual ride-in bike show supported by Abate We still have many things to do such as ordering

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Meetings: see text

We had a good turnout. Thanks to Linda and the Water's Edge for having us. We discussed Senator Feingold's support, send him a thank you! We discussed working at the campground for the 100th at our May meeting. Dan is going to contact radio stations about playing the PSA. Discussed the land warming party. Discussed buying a picnic table and all agreed it was a good idea.

Dan, Barb, Goose and Dave will attend May meeting in Monroe. Dickeyville Hill climb is May 18. It's lots

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**House Moves to Rescue
Health Care Benefits**

Congressmen Scott McInnis (R-Colorado) and Ted Strickland (D-Ohio) have introduced H.R. 1749 ("The Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act"). A companion bill to the Senate measure (S. 423) we support, H.R. 1749 rescues the health care benefits of motorcyclists who suffer injuries in accidents. The bill extends injury benefit protection to employer-insured Americans engaged in legal recreational activities as well.

LEADING ROLE PLAYED BY SMROs... This measure to rescue health care benefits for motorcyclists - identical to language in S. 423 introduced in the Senate by Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Russ Feingold (D-Wisconsin) - is the result of action by the American Motorcyclist Association with the assistance of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. However, MUCH of the credit for amassing the lion's share of original H.R. 1749 co-sponsors goes to State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), particularly those who've visited Washington, D.C. in the past several weeks to appeal personally to their Congressmen and Senators to rectify the health care wrong.

THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY... Just days ago, Congressmen McInnis and Strickland circulated a "dear colleague" letter to urge the House to adopt the language of S. 423. The hope was that as many as 20 original co-sponsors might step forward to sign their "dear colleague" letter. Achieving that number of signers would trigger the actual introduction of the bill in the House. Thanks largely to grassroots lobbying by SMROs, the "dear colleague" letter attracted in excess of 50 signatures by U.S. Representatives.

These Members of Congress now number among the "original co-sponsors" of H.R. 1749.

PROGRESS ON ALL FRONTS... Leather and denim were still the dominant fabrics in the Halls of Congress the past busy two weeks. More SMROs visiting the nation's capitol have brought the number to well over 200 Members of Congress and their staffs who've been



briefed personally on federal challenges threatening the rights and safety of American motorcyclists. ABATEs of New York, Iowa and Colorado have rolled into town so far this month - as well as MRF President Buck Kittredge and MRF Board Member Kirk "Hardtail" Willard - and the commitments from their Congressional delegations are nothing short of breathtaking. We have amassed more support than ever before - not just on health care rescue, but also on the urgent issues involving traffic safety. We have also found new friends and supporters advancing traffic safety through the joint MRF-SMRO TEA-21 reauthorization agenda that hinges on effective motorcycle safety measures.

EPA LETTERS SOON... The Motorcycle Riders Foundation continues to work with SMROs and Members of Congress to generate letters of concern to the Environmental Protection Agency

regarding the threat posed in its proposed rule on highway motorcycle emissions. In addition, new inroads have been made in tackling the EPA threat in order to safeguard our freedom and the related issue of the survival of thousands of small motorcycle businesses coast to coast. We expect the letters of concern to be finalized soon, so stay tuned.

Who/What is ABATE?

From the ABATE of Iowa Website - Mission Statement - "ABATE works for you, the motorcycle enthusiast. ABATE is a not-for-profit organization registered in the state of Iowa. ABATE is a neutral organization that allows ALL riders to unite in brotherhood to safeguard our rights and still remain individuals with differing views. ABATE of Iowa believes that all motorcyclists are brothers with a common interest **RIDING FREE.**" [Editor's note: Well said, chalk up another one for our Iowaiagan neighbors.]

From ABATE of Minnesota Website - Membership Notes - "Membership is open to anyone interested in promoting freedom of choice, whether you ride a motorcycle or not. The wishes of the members are carried out by their elected Board of Directors and their local Chapters. Stop by, check out a meeting or event, you're always welcome. You'll find yourself among friends."

From ABATE of Illinois Website - Mission Statement - "The mission of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois is to preserve the universal right to a safe, unrestricted motorcycling environment. To fulfill this mission we will:

- Safeguard the rights of all motorcyclists.
- Endorse safety programs and education programs.
- Promote unity through involvement.
- Advocate political awareness and activism.
- Promote motorcycling enjoyment."

**More News...
Norton Motorcycle
Company changes name**

Norton Motorcycle Company has announced that it has changed its name to the Viper Motorcycle Company, and Viper has released all trademark rights to the Norton brand. Merch Performance Inc, is to supply engines for the new motorcycle. According to their new CEO, "The initial response to our first model, the Viper Diablo Power Cruiser, has greatly exceeded our expectations."

The goal for Viper Motorcycle Company is to be a full-line manufacturer of high-end motorcycles. The company will introduce three additional models sometime this year.

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 trophies, finding suitable vendors, and collecting donations. Also still deciding on what entertainment we should have such as a band or a DJ. Port-a-potty's have been donated by Country Plumber, as they were last year. Thanks, Greg! Anyone interested in posters for distribution can pick them up at Wild Bill's Saloon they are always available.
 Treasurer report: Ending balance in our checking account as of 3/24/03 is \$328.91, not including ongoing business. There was no 50/50 raffle due

to the low turnout at the start of the meeting.
 Legislative: None reported.
 Personal note: I understand now that Doug and Delta have not been feeling well for the last few months. Hope you're feeling better. We would like to see you two at the next meeting, Sunday May 4.
 Remember Legislative Hotline: 1-800-362-9472 for comments and info.

J. Dorn
 Secretary/Treasurer

Lifesavers?

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 working so hard at putting helmets on our heads when the death rates actually increase?" The reaction from the President of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety was priceless as her jaw literally dropped open and the remainder of the panel sat stunned.
 The discussion then came to our side. We represented the motorcycle rights community as supporting freedom of choice but that instead of wasting money on meaningless studies proving exactly the opposite results the safetycrats desire, we should be focusing on rider training and share the road

courses. I will also give credit where credit is due. Ron Thompson, Coordinator of the Wisconsin DOT Motorcycle Safety Program, was the moderator of this session and I think he did an excellent job keeping the discussion as fair as impartial as it possibly could be given the presenters we faced. He gave those of us with opposite viewpoints significant time to make our points and I think once again we earned some credibility and respect for presenting an intelligent and factual argument. I find that gets em' every time.

Office Report


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 assist in the care of my elderly father.
 Watch next month's newsletter for a change in Marlene's email address and phone numbers for newsletter contact. For now just keep sending everything to the office and Nancy will forward them

to me or I'll pick them up. Also, you may see a few changes to the newsletter during the next few months. Nothing drastic so do not be afraid. And remember, please be nice to Nancy - good help is hard to get, and you don't want her turning into a cranky ol' woman like me.

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Breakout!



Bidding on the LAST (ugly) shirt from the 1995 State Party was intense at the Jan. Officers' Training auction. District 2 pooled their resources and bought the shirt for \$150...then they donated it back for next year's auction! Thanks!

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Milwaukee Rally 2003

Following last year's successful rally, The Harley-Davidson Dealers of Metro Milwaukee have announced plans for this year's Milwaukee Rally, June 5-8, 2003. The biggest news is perhaps the change of venue. This year, the rally will be held at The Milwaukee Mile on the Wisconsin State Fair grounds. This is the Milwaukee Mile's 100th Anniversary, and there is a brand new \$25 million dollar grandstand for the stage shows. Speaking of shows, get ready for the Marshall Tucker Band (June 5), Eddie Money (June 6), John Kay & Steppenwolf (June 7), and the Yardbirds (June 8). Best of all, it's all free. Hundreds of vendors, exhibits, Ms. Milwaukee Rally bikini contest, Nitro Extreme Trials exhibition and the virtual drag racing experience from Teresi Dyno Drags. If you would like a little VIP treatment, there is a Rally Passport kit on sale for \$20. This includes VIP private parking right on the Milwaukee Mile infield, a limited-edition event pin including a 2nd year rocker pin, 12 color Milwaukee Rally patch and coupons for discounts at The Harley-Davidson Dealers of Metro Milwaukee and a 15% discount on tickets to any 2003 Milwaukee Mile race event. The Passport is available on the event official website at www.milwaukeekeerrally.com, or at the Rally itself on June 5-8, 2003.

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ABATE Board Minutes



This is a condensed, unapproved version of the Board of Directors meeting of April 13, 2003. For more information, contact your District Director.

Officers Attending: Ed Williams, Dave Dwyer, Marlene Bautch, Dave Linberg, Cheri Hietpas, Jan Staupe

Board of Directors: Kirk Hardtail Willard, Dan Frantz, Matt Graettinger, Dan Van Linn, Keith Brownie Braunschweig, Andy Mathiassen, Bronson T. Smith, Tom "Gopher" Lowling, Evan Hansen, Scooter Bob Santee, Cathy Huntowski, Nancy Santee, Excused: Rick Traver, Dave Dwyer
Regional Reps and Guests: Pete Frede 1G, Shoe 3a, Greg & Diane Rodd 1H, Rich VanHorn 2E, Vincent Hietpas 2E, Kay Johnson 4A, Art and Pricilla Schneider 1E, Tom Claymore 1A, Richard Cler 1A, Nancy Goetzka 7D

OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary: Motion to accept the minutes of the March 2003 meeting as published was made by Hardtail, seconded by VanLinn, and passed by unanimous vote.

Business Agent: Ed reported for Dwanda that insurance has been acquired for "the property".

State Treasurer/Finance Committee: Jan did a comprehensive report of the current profit and loss statement. Due to the heavy costs of state party prepayments, insurance, and other bills in the first quarter our liquid accounts are experiencing a season cash-flow slump. Dan reported for the finance committee that the profit and loss statements compare to last year.

Jan reported that she had filed for an extension on the corporate income taxes filing date due to not receiving all the information she needed from products in time to file. Cheri stated that she had that information for Jan now.

Regions that were behind in treasury reporting as of today's meeting are: 1F, 1G, 2J, 3A, 5A, 5B, and 7C.

Motion to approve the finance report as given was made by Cat, seconded by Brownie and passed by unanimous vote.

Products Director: Cheri circulated some new product ideas that her committee was looking into for comments. She stated that the ABATE flags have been ordered and should be available soon. Currently 28 regions have a product inventory and products paid a total of \$3,000 profit to the state treasury in 2003. Products is currently at a total of \$25,432 in inventory and cash on hand, with sales of \$19,000 in 2002. Quarterly reports were given to the District Directors regarding their regional reporting.

Membership Director: Membership is at an all time high of 6,212 with a small backlog of unprocessed applications. 578 renewal cards were sent out for April. Life membership is at 166 and associate life is at 28. A discussion was held regarding the life membership account. The finance committee will be looking into investment options.

Deputy Director/District Directors: Rick was unable to attend due to a recent surgery. Ed asked if any districts had any requests. Dan VanLinn presented a quote that was obtained by Region 2C along with a request that the state considers the purchase of a large tent for use by the state party and regional events. Cost of the tent would

be in the area of \$3,800. Proposal was made by Hardtail and seconded by Dan VanLinn to refer the request to the equipment committee for evaluation. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Relations Director: Hardtail reminds regions that now is the time to work on placing billboards, banners, and public service announcements for Motorcycle Awareness month. He reminds all members to support the ABATE supported Women in Motion Ride and the Run to the Highground.

Hardtail and Buck Kittredge have been invited to attend an "invitational" "Noise Conference" sponsored by the AMA. The purpose of the conference is to see how much concern there is on a national level regarding motorcycle noise. They will report back to the board.

Statewide Poker Run: Nancy Santee stated that application letters went out to business in all but seven counties (Menomonee, Door, Forest, Washburn, Bayfield, Pepin, and Green). If you know of a location that may be interested in participating in the poker run on those counties contact Nancy immediately.

Legislative Committee Report: Dave Dwyer was unable to attend today, discussion was led by Ed. On the federal level, the HIPPA correction bill S 423 now has a matching companion bill in the house HB 1749. As of today Senator Kohl still has not signed on to S 423 and all of the Wisc. Representatives except Obey and Klezcka have signed on to HR 1749.

Buck and Hardtail were recently in D.C. and met with the MRF and AMA regarding the inclusion of a new crash study in T23. There is also being work done on a "Dear Colleague" letter addressing the motorcycle concerns of the EPA rules.

In Madison, our legislative committee is concerned about the slow movement of the language for the bill to correct the Wisc. Supreme Court helmet use decision. Senator Mary Panzer's office staff will be taking of the process of developing the legislation. Dave Dwyer will be meeting with Panzer's staff, Legislative Counsel, Tony Sanfelipo and Joe Weigel in the near future to continue the process.

Land Development Committee: The LDC met for six and one-half hours on April 12. An ABATE member Civil Engineer has agreed to assist the committee with the planning. They will be meeting with him next month. The committee hopes to have a comprehensive development plan completed by the October meeting. The plan will include having the property ready for member camping by 2004, and the Summer Hummer by 2005.

OLD BUSINESS

The "Harley Connection:" Cat presented a comprehensive "inclusion" marketing plan, as follows: Purpose of Campaign: ABATE of Wisconsin wants to reinforce the message that this is a motorcycle rights organization that works to protect the rights of all motorcyclists regardless of what brand of motorcycle its members ride.

The campaign will produce a press kit that will contain a cover letter, press release, organizational biography and business card in a promotional folder. Printed materials using the chosen theme

could include ad slicks, posters, brochures, bumper stickers, patches, and pins, pens, lapel buttons or magnets.

Target Audience: Materials will be sent to motorcycle brand affiliation organizations (HOG, Gold Wing Riders, BMW Riders, etc.) and their publications, all brand motorcycle dealerships and independent shops. Materials will be made available to ABATE members to distribute to motorcycle-friendly businesses and non-member riders - particularly those who don't ride Harleys. Tourism-oriented businesses and publications would be a secondary target audience to gain wider exposure for the organization and to attract potential members while they are out enjoying their motorcycles. Motorcycle-related events such as AMA-sanctioned races, Tomahawk Colorama and the State HOG Rally would also be targeted with an attended vendor-type display featuring the same theme, membership benefits display and membership sign-ups.

A committee was appointed including Cat as chair, Marlene Bautch, Hardtail, Dan VanLinn, and Bronson. They will work on the ideas and bring updates to the board.

Newsletter Editor vacancy: Ed stated that as of this time, Dwanda had told him that she would "try" to do the newsletter if no one stepped forward by she would prefer not to. Dwanda was thanked for her offer.

Marlene presented a written proposal to the BOD that would allow her the time to continue as editor by reducing her workload at the office to basic coordination and supervision of Nancy. She would agree to do the office supervision for \$100 per week. Nancy would increase her hours and assume the responsibility for the functions that Marlene would be stepping back from. Nancy's compensation would increase from \$8 per hour to \$8.50.

Currently ABATE of Wisconsin pays \$1,100 per month for the layout and publication of the newsletter. Under this proposal Marlene would also take over those publishing duties and maintain the editor duties for a total of \$1,500 per month if ABATE agreed to provide the

equipment necessary or for a total of \$1,600 if she would be required to by her own equipment.

Ed stated that he had worked over the numbers and going with this staffing arrangement would amount to an increase of just under \$180 per month in expenses. Motion to accept the proposal with the option of ABATE providing the equipment was made by VanLinn, seconded by Evan, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

WDTSEA Conference/Share the Road Report: Cheri reported that she, Tom Barten, and Rick Traver attended the conference. Twelve classes were scheduled with more interest being expressed that they would follow up on. Rick has received some comments on the Share the Road trifolds and they are being improved based on the comments. Two applications for possible funding are being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance Agency Advertising: The Behnke Agency has printed an "apology ad". Complete information will appear in the newsletter.

Wausau Channel 9 Helmet Poll: Due to some fast networking by ABATE members a "Should Motorcyclists be required to wear helmets" poll sponsored by a Wausau television station was turned around in a matter of hours to reflect a NO opinion. Ed stated that this situation emphasized that even with email, phone trees are still very important for immediate action. See newsletter for more details. In a related situation, ABATE of Wisconsin is asking members to contact Bank of America regarding a current commercial which is derogatory to motorcyclists. Information on this went out on the email alert system and will be included in the newsletter.

NHTSA-DOT Alcohol Prevention Assessment: Ed was invited to sit on a panel evaluating Wisconsin's anti-drinking and driving/riding DOT Programs and laws. Ed will report fully in the newsletter. He has also been invited to represent ABATE of Wisconsin WisDOT's future planning of an educational campaign to target drinking

See BOD Minutes, page 21

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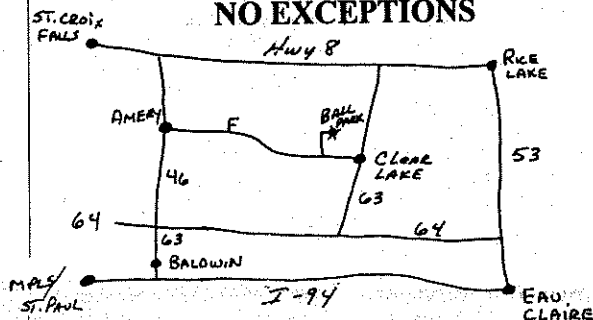
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Lifesavers 2003

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law with a \$100 fine (petty cheap for a human life).

Youth Drivers was informative as far as what different youth groups are doing to educate their peers safety issues not only on the road but off road as well. Here is a group of people we need to educate on motorcycles and share the

road programs. I had a conversation with one of the speakers who is a student at UW Parkside, about maybe going to them and introducing ABATE and possibly setting up some Share the Road classes. Using your local resources was aimed at how to look for and use your local resources in your fundraising support. All in all it was an educational experience for me. (P.S. DAN VAN LINN! BUBBA says HI! HA! HA!)

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| #326 - Milwaukee, WI. Sun. May 4, 2003 | 9-4:30pm - *Adv. - \$25.00 - mfh |
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mfh - Includes legal portion. \$10.00 of course fee is being paid by MF Hupy & Associates

Fill in the form below and mail with check made out to ASMI

Please print legibly!

Course #(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Or sign up on line @ www.accidentscene.net

A letter of confirmation and a map will be sent.

Course fee includes 100% embroidered patch, class materials, and completion wallet card. Trauma supplies will be available for optional purchase. If you have taken basic and advanced classes within the past 2 years and would like to assist with an advanced class: Please notify us and we will call you when the time draws near.

A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin is a Major Sponsor of Women In Motion Accident Scene Management's only yearly fundraiser All but \$10.00 of your registration fee is a tax deductible donation!

WOMEN IN MOTION



Don't miss Women In Motion 2003! This year's celebration will take you from Janesville to Manitowoc via the scenic Kettle Moraine Area. Your tax-deductible ride donation benefits ASMI directly. Reserve July 25-27th for the best ride of the year!!! 3 days of meals, parties, and riding. Everyone welcome regardless of gender or mode of transportation.

BOD Minutes

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Request to use ABATE Logo: John Riechter is requesting permission to have the ABATE of Wisconsin logo along with the phrase Dedicated to Freedom of the Road painted on his independently own semi-tractor. As others have gotten involved in this project, there is also discussion about lettering his trailer to advertise the Summer Hummer and Motorcycle Awareness. No prices are available for these ideas at this time. Motion was made by VanLinn and seconded by Evan to table request until prices and more information can be gathered. This motion was then withdrawn and it was agreed to return to the original focus of the simple request of the logo on the tractor. Motion to allow the use of the ABATE of Wisconsin letterhead logo on John Riechter's semi-tractor at his own expense was made by VanLinn, seconded by Cat, and passed with no votes being cast by Hardtail, Bronson, Evan, and Cathy.

Brownie presented a request from Region 1J for approval of a design for an ABATE Event shirt for the Dice Run. Motion to approve the design as presented was made by Brownie, second by VanLinn, and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Hardtail, seconded by Cat, and passed by unanimous vote at 3:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be at the ABATE Property in Greenwood on Saturday, May 17, 2003 at 1:15 p.m. (Proceeding the "Land Warming" Party). To have an item placed on the agenda or to request that a committee meet to address a concern, notification must be received by the ABATE State Office by May 8, 2003.

Respectfully submitted by Marlene Bauch, Recording Secretary

Check out upcoming Motorcycling events in the Calendar, page 22!

Old Time Biker Fun Run

5th Annual



Jefferson Co. Region 1E

ABATE of Wisc.

Saturday, June 14th 2003

Party at Art & Priscilla Schneider's in Hubleton, WI.

Sign In: 10:00 a.m. til Noon
 The Silver Eagle Saloon
 207 South 2nd Street
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Spinning CDs 4:30 til 8:00 During Bike Games and Barstool Races



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- Bike Games
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SHOW TIME: 10am to 3:30pm
 Trophies To Be Awarded At 2:30pm
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 Badger Heritage Antique Motorcycle Club

Live Music

DONATIONS ENCOURAGED
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 For More Information, Contact:
 Bob (Hogman) Thompson
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 Colgate WI 53017
 262-428-4802

NO MACHINES TO LEAVE SHOW UNTIL 3:30PM!

Calendar of Events

Information is presented as submitted. Please do not call the ABATE State Office for more information regarding non-ABATE events. To have your event listed here, submit the following information to us:

1. Date, Title;
2. Sponsor or beneficiary;
3. Donation or fee;
4. Brief description;
5. Meeting time;
6. Complete address number, street, town, state of event;
7. Contact phone numbers with AREA CODES. (Email, website, optional.)

Deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Incomplete information will not be published - no exceptions. Fax to (715)284-7545 or email to abatewis@abatewis.org.

SUMMER-LONG POKER RUNS
7E River Regions Poker Run '03 05/01/03-08/31/03. Juneau, Sauk, Adams and Marquette Counties. \$10/book. Info call Tim at (608)847-6074. emailregion7E@yahoo.com.
Quad County Poker Run begins March 29. Regions 1E, 1H, 1I, 1G and 2C. 30 stops n 5 Regions, goods \$10, includes entry into ending party, cash prizes. Ending party September 6, Player's Bar and Grill, Ripon. \$12 at door. Free beer donated by Players. regional tug o war. Music provided by Michael Murphy and the M.O.B. For books or info contact a rep from any region listed or "outa" (920)922-5910. outa@charter.net.
Southern District 1 Mason/Dixon Dice Run. Begins April 1. \$10 per book (admission to the party) \$15 at the gate. Run ends Saturday, September 20 at the Wildlife Refuge, Hwy 75, Kansasville, WI. Run check in 5-7 p.m., music, refreshment, fire and fun to follow. For info or dice run books contact Debbie (262)537-2895.

Region 3C Freeze Your Nuts Poker Run. April 5 - October 11, ending at Rosie's Railway Bar, Green Valley, WI, Shawano County, 6 p.m. Money to ABATE of Wisconsin. \$5 donation. Contact Al Giese. Blue Moon Saloon (715)526-9719 Shawano. MAY

- 3 ABATE of WI Region 1E Spring Dance. "Mugs", Ixonia, WI. Admission \$10. New member joins ABATE-get in free. Music by Gator Gamble, 8-12. Info call Art (920)478-2096 or Wally (920)474-3072.
- 4 Kettle Moraine Sport Riders Poker Run. Sign up 10:30 a.m. - noon. At Washington County Court House, Hwy 33 East, West Bend. Admission \$8. Hotline (262)334-1743.
- 10 11th Annual Cabin Fever Breakout at Dellwood Pavilion. With music and a poker run to be during the day. Poker run sign up at Boomers Pub at 9:30 a.m. Info call Bruce Hall at (608)339-9041.
- 17 Rock Co. Poker Run and Membership Drive. Sign up at Tremors Bar and Grill between 10 and noon. Contact Huey for details 758-2747.
- 18 Motorcycle Hill Climb sponsored by Quad Race Promotions. Admission \$8. Starts at noon. 1 mile north of Dickeyville, WI on Hwy 151. (563)557-8040. www.wilwerts.com.
- 26 Memorial Ride in memory of Randy Gerrits and John Kosakoski. Meet at 12:30 at Wooden Nickel Tavern, 29 East Ave. (Co. T.H.J) Chippewa Falls, WI. For more info contact Dean Gerrits. (715)382-4983.
- 26 Restlawn Memorial Park to hold Bike Blessing Ceremony. Located at T4710 N. Troy St. in Wausau, WI. Gathering will be held at 10 a.m. in the parking lot by Restlawn's Mausoleum Chapel. Following the services all riders can meet at The Office Bar located at 662 Grand Ave. In Schofield. A ride will leave from there at 12:30 p.m. and proceed to King, WI to continue honoring the veterans and support all military troops.
- 31 Cindy's Motorcycle Poker Run in support of ABATE Regions 7C and 7D. Rain Date June 1. Food, drinks, camping area. Sign up at Cindy's downtown Mindoro (Hwy 108 between Melrose and West Salem) beginning. Sign up from 9 a.m., must be back by 5 p.m. \$5, must be 21 or older. Info call Charlie (608)525-4602.
- 31 Motorcycle Rodeo at Bean City Bar and Grill, New London. Registration 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Entry \$3 singles, \$9 couples. Proceeds go to Relay for Life. Cash raffle. Tickets available that day. Games, food, beverages available.

JUNE

- 1 13th Annual Women in the Wind Poker Run. Sponsored by Milwaukee Chapter Women n the Wind. \$10 per hand. Registration 10 a.m.-noon, Dead End Saloon (I94 and East Frontage Road north of 7 Mile Rd. exit). Rain or shine, 2 or 4 wheels. Portion of proceeds benefit women's shelter. Further information call Mariann (414)546-3404.
- 1 ABATE Region 2A Annual Spring Brat Fry. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tillies's Bar, Beechwood, WI. Music by Dynamite DJ Service all day. For raffle tickets or more info call Bug (920)528-8129 or Goofy (920)528-7795.
- 1 Fox Valley Motorcycle Swap Meet. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Calumet County Fairgrounds, Chilton, WI. Admission \$6 (\$1 off w/ABATE card), under 10, over 65 and disabled vets free. Live music, food, refreshments, outside bike corral.
- 7 HD Riders 24th Annual Chili Feed. Clear Lake, WI ball park. Food, beverages, camping, games, live music by Rollin Thunder. Donations \$15 at gate. (651)464-7134.
- 7 8th Annual Robins Run Benefit ride. Donations go to benefit victims of domestic violence through the Bridge-Dunn County, WI. Requested minimum donation \$10. Everyone is welcome to ride. Meeting at 9 a.m. at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Menomonie, WI. Riding to Telemark Lodge in Cable, WI. (877)798-4718. Drawings, live music all for a great cause. For more info or to make a donation to the run contact Liz Jones (715) 778-4843.
- 7 Sat. Motorcycle Hill Climb. Sponsor, Rib Mt. Riders MC, Gleason Lions Club-AMA sanctioned. Fee \$7 for adults. Starts at 11 on Saturday. Free camping, music by Dango, food and beverages served, pancake breakfast Sunday morning. Take Hwy 17 to Bloomville WI turn on CTY J, watch for signs. For info call (715)359-8592 ask for Denne Kieper.
- 14 Motorcycle Grass Drags at Fillmore Sportsman's Club on Jay Road. Races start at noon. Admission \$5. Registration for ATV 9-11 a.m., motorcycle 9-1. For info call (920)533-8577.
- 14 Longrider Spring Fling Party and Pig Roast. Starts at noon. Florence County Fairgrounds. One mile south on County N in Florence, WI. 100th Anniversary Harley-Davidson to be raffled at the party. Proceeds to benefit the Shriner's Children's Hospital, The Salvation Army and local charities. \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. Includes food, pig roast, bike games, live music, beverages and camping. Contact George Ellstrum (906)774-3893.
- 14 Region 1E Old Time Biker Fun Run. Sign in 10 a.m.-noon, at The Silver Eagle Saloon, 207 S. 2nd St, Watertown, WI. Admission \$12 ABATE members, \$15 non-members. Party at Art and Priscilla (715)382-4983.

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- 15 Kettle Moraine Sport Riders Annual Hillclimb at Sunburst Ski Hill in Kewaskum. Starts at noon sharp. Avoid lines, be early. Admission \$5. Hotline (262)334-1743.
- 21 2003 Cancer Research Ride. Registration 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Riders can leave anytime after registering. Starting point-Team WinnebagoLand, 5827 Green Valley Rd., Oshkosh, WI (Hwy 41&45 on the frontage rd.). End-Golf Central, Hwy 45 for music, door prizes, food and beverages. Minimum donation \$20 per bike. All proceeds go to The Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research. Info call Red at (920)582-7895.
- 21 Sleep Watchers MC Poker Run and Party. \$15 for run and party, \$10 for party per person. Run leaves 11 a.m. 150 mile run, Hwy 12, watch for signs. (608)339-3736.
- 23 Windjammers Summer Scorcher at Camp Tampwingo. For more details call Mike 726-4116.
- 27-29 Milltown Fishermens Party. Poker Run Saturday the 28th. Win a new Harley or one of 33 other cash prizes. For full details check out www.milltown-wi.com.
- 27-9/1 Region 1H 100th Campground, Stinger Fairgrounds. Camping, food, beverages, vendors, 24-7 security, showers, shipping to and from. 6 miles from West Bend HOG B'day bash. Reservation form at www.abatewis.org or call Diane Rodd (262)306-0606 or biker@milwpc.com.
- 28 Fremont River Days Classic Bike Show with assistance from ABATE Region 2F. All makes and models are welcome. Live music, food, entertainment, beverages. Registration 9 a.m.-noon. Wolf River Drive, downtown Fremont. Questions or directions call Fremont Chamber of Commerce (920)446-3838.
- 28 Regions 6A and 6B Summer Kick Off Party. Danbury, WI on Air Field Rd.

Come early for the Poker Run. There will be two bands, food vendors, beer tent, camping, bike games, wet t-shirt, swimming, bonfire. Come for the fun stay for the experience. Region Rep Ron Cairns (715)374-3777 email RHArley69@centurytel.net.

JULY

- 3-5 ABATE of Iowa's Freedom Rally. 3 miles east of Algona, gates open 8 a.m. on July 3. Info go to www.abateiowa.org or call (641)858-5001 or email abateia@netins.net
- 25-27 Viet Nam Vet M/C Summer Twister. Will be giving a way a 2003 H-D FLHR Road King for one lucky advance ticket winner. Vendor space must be reserved in advance, 20 X 20 area for \$100, non profit vendors-reduced cost. For more info visit www.vnvmc.org or call (920)499-2551.

AUGUST

- 16-17 Amateur Hill Climb National Championships hosted by Quad Race Promotions. 1 mile north of Dickeyville, WI on Hwy 151. (563)557-8040. www.wilwerts.com.
- 27-September 1 ABATE of WI South-eastern regions will be hosting its 100th Anniversary Campground at Concord House, W985 Concord Center Dr., Concord, WI. Bar open 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Rough camping, no electricity, showers and toilets available. Check out by noon September 1. For more info and pre-registration contact Art & Priscilla Schneider (920)478-2096, Scooter Bob and Nancy Santee (920)887-2651 or Jan (920)206-9930.

SEPTEMBER

- 20 ABATE 2D and Windjammers P.O.W and M.I.A. Ride and party after.
- 28 Motorcycle Hill Climb sponsored by Quad Race Promotions. Admission \$8, starts at 11 a.m. One mile north of Dickeyville, WI on Hwy 151. (563)557-8040. www.wilwerts.com.

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JUNE 1, 2003

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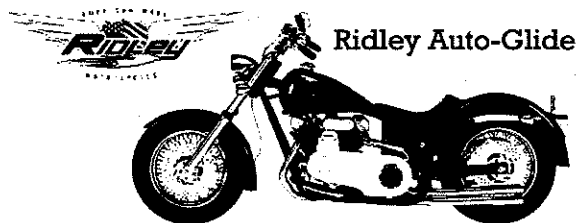
Registration: 10 AM - Noon at DEAD END SALOON

I-94, exit 7 Mile Rd., go north on east frontage road to 7 1/2 Mile Rd.

Hands in by 5:00 p.m.

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Mail to ABATE of WI, 438 N Water St., Black River Falls, WI 54615. Attn: classified.

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1999 Softail Custom only 500 miles. To many goodies to list, not time to ride. \$16,000 obo. Call Monty in Appleton at (920)734-4188. (5)

1974 HD FXE \$7,500 obo. Call (920)733-3969 leave message. (5)

2000 Harley 1200 Custom burgundy, awesome exhaust, performance carb., saddlebags/supports, luggage racks, \$\$\$Mustang solo, windscreen, bars, meant to travel. Only \$8,000 obo. Call (320)761-0271. (5)

1996 Sportster Custom 1200 it has a windshield, saddlebags, forward controls, two tone paint and back rest. \$5,995. Call (262)224-1738. (5)

1997 Harley Sportster 122c excellent condition, 6,400 miles, many extras. Asking \$8,000. (262)662-5010. (5)

1994 Harley FLHTC aqua, pearl, new tires, battery, lots of chrome, low miles, back rest, cam and K&N pinstriped, like new condition. \$12,600 obo. Call (262)246-8397. Leave message. (5)

Unicover aluminum topper blue with tinted front and side sliding windows. Fits Dodge Dakota 63"X80". \$150. Also new BAJA kit for V.W. Beetle. \$150. Call (715)592-4896 after 4:30. (5)

1975 HD 1200cc Shovel Head Low Rider SS carb, Andrews cam, Dyno el.ig., Python II exhaust, many new parts. Engine fresh, nice looking, nice running, Green Bay Packer HOG. Asking \$7,900 obo. (608)723-7711. (5)

1994 Suzuki Intruder 800 V Twin Cruiser, excellent condition, adult driven, windshield, Corbin Custom seat, backrest, leather saddlebags. Excellent starter or woman's bike. \$3,195 obo. (262)670-0793.

1999 Custom Sportster 1200 T-bags fit on the sissy bar, lots of chrome, all service work records and maintenance, extra set of mirrors. One owner, lady driven, only 23,000 miles. Asking \$8,000. 223-2225. (Ed.note - don't call the office they didn't give us an area code. (5)

2003 Tapered mirrors chrome (Anniversary one) short. First \$50 they go. 223-2225. (5)

02' Sportster XL 883 Custom Pearl white with matching hard tour bags/liners, 229 miles with 3 years left on extended warranty, detachable tour windshield, Screaming Eagle carb/exhaust system, storage cover and more. \$9,200. (262)879-0808 or fred.ballerini@zjs.com. (5)

1987 Harley Electra Glide Classic red, very nice, lots of chrome, well maintained.

91,000 miles. Runs great. \$9,400/offer. Pictures by email. Montello (608)589-5494 jrclen@maqs.net. (5)

Labrador retriever AKC puppies. Black females. Dam is an excellent pheasant and waterfowl dog. Sire is a house dog. Both friendly and loving. (608)862-1626. (5)

95 Buell S-2 Thunderbolt 13, M custom painted Harley racing colors, corbin seat, Screamin Eagle exhaust. \$5,000 firm, call Greg nights (715)7261-1429. Can e-mail pics. \$ not valid if I e-bay it.

86 Honda GL 1200 Aspencade 74K miles, two tone paint Rosewood, Digital dash, AM FM cassette, intercom, front & rear air adjustable shocks luggage rack trailer hitch driver's backrest passenger armrests, lots of chrome, and goodies Contact Doug Smith (608)372-3870. (5)

1989 Harley Davidson FXLR Super Glide, under 10,000 original miles. Tach and Speedo on Tank. Spoke rims. Many extras. Mind Condition. \$11,900. (715)832-4460. (4)

Complete front end from 1990 Super Glide minus brakes. Dual disc. Includes Handle bars, controls, speedo, tach, fender, trees, headlight. \$400. Also have rear fender, 4 shocks and drag pipes \$100. Complete 4 speed transmission with kicker \$550. (715)887-2378. (4)

Screaming Eagle II Slip-fit shotgun mufflers, fits 2000 and later Fatboy or Deuce. H.D. part #80344-00. Original cost \$219.95. Sell for \$150. New condition. (262)246-8397. (4)

Toy Trax Motorcycle Transport Lift System. Fits GM Ford Mopar with 8 ft. bed. \$1,500. (414)764-7236. (4)

1996 Sportster 883, lowered 23K. Immaculate condition, service records. Lady driven \$1,500 in extras. \$5,300 obo. (715)726-0466. (4)

1972 100cc Honda motorcycle. In good shape, runs but needs front tire and battery. \$150. (715)632-2256 after 6 p.m. (4)

1968 FLH. Runs great, chrome front legs, new rebuilt front end, new chrome front wheel, new battery, new tires, new cloth riding harness, rebuilt carb, new kicker. \$6,000. (715)344-7699 leave message. (4)

1997 Yamaha Virago 535 Special excellent condition, 5,400 miles, shaft drive, great cycle for beginners, easy to ride, low seat. \$3,800 obo. (608)562-3982 or etlicher4@charter.net. (4)

1995 Heritage Classic, excellent condition, very rare factory pain (Nugget Yellow & Birch White). New tires and battery. Some extras. 2 seats, 35K miles. \$12,995. (715)426-1966. (4)

1998 FLSTS Heritage Springer, 95th Anniversary model, many accessories, excellent, and 2 years factory warranty left. (608)943-8377. (4)

Corbin front seat with backrest for BMW K1200LT. No heat, solid black, smooth leather. Positively like new. No cuts or scratches. Save \$300 of new. \$399 firm. Steve Schultz (262)781-4411 days, (262)703-4460 evs. Leave message. E-mail bigsonfxsts@yahoo.com. Price includes UPS shipping. USA only. (4)

'85 FXR, 55K, good condition, windshield, corbin seat, new tires, custom

paint, driven by a little old lady. \$8,200 obo. (715)235-0203. (4)

2000 Dyna Convertible FXDX detachable windshield and leather bags. 1450 motor, 12,000 miles, custom pipes and stage 2 kit. \$15,000. (262)498-9297. (4)

'78 Honda Goldwing 1000 cc, low miles, with side car. \$3,250 obo. (715)259-7677 or (888)337-1119. (4)

Cargo trailer w/cooler, rubber torsion bar suspension 1,000 cap. 8 inch wheels with high speed axles and hubs. 1 inch steel square tubing construction. 18 ft of water proof lockable storage. 2 yr old, used 3 times. \$550. (715)284-9084 or (715)299-3905. (3)

Deluxe touring seat and matching back rest pad, with low sissy bar and sport luggage rack. Fits '94 or later XL models. \$250 obo. (715)762-5681. (3)

1991 Nissan Sentra SE-R-white, 5 speed, 82K. Cute and quick. Must sell, Marianne on order. \$3,000/offer. (414)383-5814. (3)

1987 HD Low Rider FXLR, 26,000 miles \$10,000. (608)372-9431. (3)

1999 Electra Glide Classic, Twin Cam88, fuel injection, Stage 1 Screamin' Eagle kit, lowered rear shocks. 24,700 miles, Sinister Blue, just like new. \$16,000 firm. (715)726-1461. (3)

1997 Road King, black, 48,000 miles, fuel injected, stage one kit, laced rims, added chrome, good rubber, new battery, in excellent condition. \$13,500 obo. (715)723-1683. (3)

1993 FLSTC Heritage, 38K, purple and white, lowered, luggage rack. Looks and runs great. \$12,000. (262)246-3696. mariannemama@yahoo.com. (3)

Sportster parts! 2 seats, stock exhaust for 84 XLX, sissybar and side plates for 82-93, 2 front fenders for 82-93, rear fender for 84, smoked Memphis Fats windshield (no hardware), extended fork tubes, 2 FXR fuel tanks, 1 Rev Tech performance coil. Plus more. Asking \$400 for all, make offer. (920) 262-0215. Ask for Jim after 2:30 p.m. weekdays or hoppe91@juno.com. (3)

2000 FLHTCI red and black, perfect condition. Some accessories. 33K, ready for spring. \$16,500 obo. (920)452-4804 evenings. (3)

1935 Ford 5 window coupe street rod project. Too many parts to list \$8,500 obo or trade? Harley Davidson Beer collection, assorted years, Daytona and Sturgis. \$25 a 6 pack. Call Dave (715)646-2821 evenings. (3)

1970 Electra Glide runs and looks good. Many new parts inc. Electrical system. \$8,500. (715)387-0989 or leave message. (3)

Appaloosa gelding, 15.3 H.H. 14 years old, trail ridden, good disposition, good health, all shots current. \$800 may consider trade for firearms. (262)268-6854. (3)

Attention Sturgis Vendors Buzz's Welding of Milladore WI has a hot new product that's sure to sell big at Sturgis this fall. If interested please call (715)457-6315 for more info. (3)

Marlin 25N and 100-\$125-100. Also air rifles 38-357 dies \$15, 6" lath chuck new \$50, 2 ATV tires 22x11x8 new \$45. (414) 768-7262. (3)

2001 Harley Sportster 1200 Custom, HD hard saddle bags, custom foot peg.

pillow seat and backrest, luggage rack, Dyna Glide faring customized to fit. Many other chromed extras, new, 1,265 miles. Asking \$12,000. (920)725-4042 day, Toll free (877) 725-4042, (920)836-3375 evening. (3)

1998 Harley Sportster XL windshield, extra pipes, speedometer, tach, highway pegs, many more extras. Black with lots of chrome. Excellent condition. Only 4,300 miles. \$7,000. (715)359-9248. (3)

1991 Sportster 9,700 miles. Stored in dining room. Windshield, tool bag. \$5,200. (920)303-9292. (3)

1989 Harley FLHS Electra Glide Sport. 43K miles, original owner. Lots of extras, gold and chrome. Asking \$10,300. For info call D Jay (715)639-3037 or email at djent@svtel.net. (3)

1991 Yamaha Phazer II Electric start, two tone blue, brand new hood in box, in case you crash! Haha. Great condition. Great runner. Low miles. \$600 obo. Contact Billie Jo Robinson (800)800-2000 ext 15306. (3)

1999 FLHTC Electra Glide Classic twin cam 88, 2K in extras, 14k in miles. Asking \$16,000, call (218)624-9075. (3)

1997 883 Sportster trike studded solo seat with back rest, detachable windshield, 4.2 gal tank, black. Also have tour pak. Asking \$9,500. Call (218)624-9075. (3)

WANTED

Lawnmowers - Land Development Committee needs donation of very dependable riding lawn mower and very dependable push mower. Brand does not matter. If you can help please call Matt @ 1-715-669-7389 or email fungen525@discover-net.net Will be needed soon for ABATE property. **FX seat, stock Shovelhead** (608)756-9508 or iambags@mcleodusa.net. (5)

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HELP WANTED

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Both of which show the number of years you have been a member.

All members receive a membership card showing their expiration date. Each year's membership includes 12 copies of this newsletter. Membership is open to all people interested in the rights of motorcyclists and in the issues that affect all motorcyclists. Some of our members don't even own motorcycles...they simply believe in freedom, our cause.

Please Join Us!

Form with columns: ##Name, Pin, Rocker, New, Renewal. Includes fields for 2nd Name (couple).

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