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## The Prezz Sez.....

.....From Dan's Desk

Hello friends

We are starting a new year.

I would like to welcome the new officers into their the new positions

And thank everyone for stepping up.

I hope you all had a good holiday

Please be safe in your ventures.

I am looking forward to the new riding season

Thank You

## Safely Speaking.....

.....From Dan's Desk

Dan has held 3 classed at Hononegah High School. He also has 5 classes scheduled for January.

## Condolences

Condolences go to the family of Larry Pfile. Larry Passed away on February 7, 2024 at the age of 81.

Larry was a lifelong member of the Freeport Mennonite Church. He was also a lifelong farmer in the Dakota area. He served on the Stephenson County Mutual Board for many years, serving as president for 6 years.

Larry is survived by his wife Sally, 4 children, 2 step children, 8 grandchildren, 5 step grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren, 2 sisters, and one brother, Dean Pfile, 1 step brother, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial has been established in his name for a ministry very close to his heart, the MCC Canning Ministry at the Freeport Mennonite Church.

He will be greatly missed family and many friends.

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## VP Beth's Corner.....

### .....From Beth's Desk

Wow, what a great Seminar! The drive down on Rte. 40 was a bit of a trial, as the road was snow covered most of the time and we were only able to drive 50 mph, sometimes down to 40. Unfortunately, one of our Chapter members did end up in the ditch and needed a tow out.

Friday:

Friday was FED PAC night, and I was pretty busy helping Ryan Hubbard, and Elizabeth Win-tern's team get the silent auction set up, and then handling the 50/50 raffle! Over \$600 went to the winner. Then it was right into helping with the live auction. I think Karen tried to keep an eye on our Silent Auction items, and if I am correct, they all went very well, and brought in good money.

Saturday:

8AM: Bobby gave a Northwest region update and it was well attended, plus Becky had her famous Bloody Mary Bar going and let me tell you it was wonderful!!! A big thank you to them both!

The Northwest Region's coffers are extremely low, so any donations would be appreciated. It was suggested that money raised from the Chili Cook-Off be placed in the kitty, and I'm not sure what the answer was to the suggestion as it kind of got lost in discussion. I attended some classes on Chapter meetings and how to be a more productive leader, and they really gave me some great information and a few ideas to use at our meetings.

From 9 AM to Noon was general session, and then the afternoons were broken up in to 17 different classes that you could attend. Safety and ED, BOD responsibilities, ABATE legal, talking to elected officials, Poker runs, Flyers, Legislative, MRF, ABATE Future, and Passing the Torch.

Terra Smith's class was "Running a Chapter Meeting". It was very well put together and I learned a lot.

Bob "Mouse" Ellinger ran a "President's Meeting" that was also very well done and again gave me some knowledge on handling motions; i.e. #1- the difference between Tabling a motion and Proposing a motion that is on the floor. #2- as officers we need to remain totally impartial and keep our opinions to ourselves when sitting at this table. (Wow, so hard for the German in me to do that. LOL)

Jeremy Dobson gave a meeting on Chapter Camaraderie. This is the camaraderie between chapters, and a lot of ideas for events, and co-events were shared. (I have a LIST!)

State PAC went off without a hitch on Saturday night. Unfortunately, the only item I was able to keep track of was the table and it brought \$220. Everyone spent even more money this night so I am fully confident that our items again brought in good cash.

The dinner was very good, and there was plenty of food. In fact, it was so good that the wait staff was brought out and given a standing ovation.

Thankfully the drive home was on clear roads, and it took a full hour less time.

The 60° weather gave me and Cleaver a chance to get out on the bikes. We took a ride down to Oregon for early voting.

If you haven't already, GET OUT AND VOTE!!

## Membership Matters.....

### .....From Lin's Desk

Thanks to all members who voted me their new membership coordinator. I'm starting to get the hang of it and special thanks to Coleen Pflie for working with me to get up to speed. It has been a challenge.

As of today our chapter has a total of 188 members, the exact same as we had this time last

year. For the months of January/February I have had 1 couple and 1 individual renew for a total of 3 renewals. Still our membership is declining, but as of right now it is a slow decline.

We have had 16 members renew so far this year. We are a bit behind with some outstanding still. Those who have not renewed for the month of February will get moved to the deleted list for a period of 1 year should they want to still renew during that time. After that they are considered no longer members and then would have to re-join should they want to come back to ABATE.

Our membership drive balance is still \$160 that we contribute to any new member.

Our postage balance at the post office is \$122.92.

We are still having a chapter membership drive. Single membership is only \$20 (chapter pays balance of \$5) and \$40 for a couple (chapter pays balance). Our chapter still has a balance in that membership drive fund, so let's use it up by getting new members.

I'm still kinda covering for Pat O'brien until he comes back in March.

We still have the spring raffle going on, tickets are still available if you want and need some. You can call me at 815/656-6439 and I'll be happy to get some to you. Time is running out. So far all I've taken in is \$316. I'm not sure how much we usually bring in, but that seems a bit low. Keep on selling.

And lastly, we have a monthly membership drawing for a free year of membership to one of our existing members. However, you must be present to win. So there is your reason to come to a monthly chapter meeting.

Until next time...

Lin Feller

Freeport ABATE Membership



# Money Matters.....

....From Pat's Desk

As of the writing of this I am hiding out from winter at the beach. Although, it looks like it didn't miss much winter this year. When it was in the fifties down here in South Carolina it was in the forties in Northern Illinois. As for snow, I think there was just one little spit on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Not enough to worry about, just enough to remind us that winter was still upon us. It looks like we will make it to March with no more snow. Then it is motorcycle season!

I have seen a few motorcycle enthusiasts out and about down here. I saw one particularly hardy soul on his motorcycle lasts week. It was about 45 degrees. That is not so bad. You dress for it. I have ridden plenty of times when the temperature was in the forties. If the sun is shining and the road is clean of salt it is great in the early Spring. But this guy was dressed in shorts, riding a motorcycle at 45 degrees! I did not notice if he had flip flops on his feet or shoes. You can commend him for being brave and hardcore. He certainly was not one of those "all the gear, all the time" guys.

I missed the February meeting and Lin Feller filed in for me. Thanks Lin and anyone else who may have helped him.

In any case, by the time you read this the robins will be back, and the motorcycle cycles will be on the road again!

## 2024 Elections

A Primary Election will be held on March 19, 2024. You must be registered by February 20, 2024 to vote in this primary. The general election will be held on the 1st Tuesday of November 2024. It is very important to vote. It is your right and duty as an American.

**Get yourself registered!!!**

# Happy Easter

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### Saturday

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## Big O's Bar and Grill @ 9:00 AM

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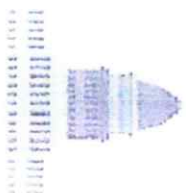
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## Cindy's on 34 @ 11:00 AM

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# Cleaver's Corner



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- Draw (raffle) update dates for 2024:**
- September 3 - 9, 2023, Lena Lions Fall Festival, Lena IL. 555 Tickets for \$2,310.00
  - June 7 - 8, 2024, Durfington Canoe Festival Durfington WI Beauwif MC LTD Summer Party.
  - June 22 - 23, 2024, Motor Boat Festival Downtown Chicago IL. [www.motboat.com](http://www.motboat.com) Going to be working with the Chicago Chapter.
  - June 29, 2024, Cedar Inn for Cedar Fest, Cedarville IL.
  - July 4th, 2024, Stockton IL Memorial Park & the 9th of July Celebration.
  - July 5 - 7, 2024, Cooked Roof Lanark IL.
  - July 12 - 14, 2024, Tatty Baker Days Festival Freeport IL.
  - July 18 - 20, 2024, Big "O's" on the Hollow Freeport IL.
  - August 10, 2024, Cruise Night Downtown Freeport IL, and the last big push to sell Bike Raffle Tickets.
  - September 6 - 7, 2024, Lena Lions Fall Festival Lena IL, and the first showing of the new bikes for 2025 raffle year

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# Legislatively Speaking.....

## ABATE Legislative Report February 18, 2024



### Prepart Chapter

**General Election Primary** (1) Offices up for election; **Presidential Preference Primary**, President of the United States. Representatives in Congress - All 17 Districts. State Senators for 4-year terms: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, and 58. Representatives in the General Assembly - All 118 Districts. **Sanitary District Commissioners/Trustees**, Circuit Clerks Recorders (in counties with a population of 60,000 or more inhabitants), State's Attorneys, Auditors (in counties with a population over 75,000 and under 3,000,000), Coroners, Regional Superintendent of Schools (vacancies), County Commissioners (Counties not under township organization), County Board Members (Counties under township organization), Judges (Additional Judgeships if required).

Supreme Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled. Appellate Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled. Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled. Resident Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled. Sub circuit Judges, Vacancies will be filled. **Vote by mail** (1) First day for the election authority, February 8th 2024, to mail an official ballot to a registered voter within the confines of the United States who has made application to vote by mail. Last day for the election authority to receive application to vote by mail, March 14th 2024 from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

**Early Voting** (1) First day for early voting, February 8th 2024 at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority. Temporary polling locations for early voting can be established at the discretion of the election authority, and the dates and hours are also at the discretion of the election authority. Last day for early voting, March 18th 2024 at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority. (10 ILCS 19A-15, 19A-20) Early voting locations,

- Carroll County (2) Carroll County Clerk's Office at 301 North Main Street, Mount Carroll, IL, Phone 815-244-9221.
- Jo Daviess County (3) Due to the courthouse renovation project slated to begin March 2024, the Election authority's physical address will change on February 1st to 219 Kelly Lane, Galena, Illinois 61036. For any questions, please email countyclerk@jodaviescountyl.gov
- Ogje County (4) Flag and Dement Precincts only. Flag township Building 303 West Il Route 38, Rockelle, Illinois.
- Stephenson County (5) Stephenson County Clerk's Office, 50 West Douglas Street, Suite 500, Freeport, IL 61032. Mail voting may be obtained by calling 815 235 8289 or in writing at the above address.
- Winnebago County (6) For Winnebago County residents residing outside of City of Rockford limits, in-person voting will take place at the Administration Building, 404 Elm Street, 4th Floor, Rockford, Illinois, 61101. Voting dates and hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- City of Rockford (7) residents may vote early in-person at the Board of Elections Office located at 301 S. 6th Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104. Early Voting hours for the March 19, General Primary Election are Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Neal will have with him at the meeting a listings of candidates for various local government positions, for the counties above. As some of these lists are rather lengthy, you may review my copies, take notes or use the links provided in our footnotes to review later.

### ABATE PAC published grades for State of Illinois races: (8)

#### Democrat Ballot:

- 34th Senate District Steve Stadelman (I) A endorsed.
- 67th Representative Balance White (I) (B) endorsed.
- 68th Representative Dave Velds (I) B endorsed.
- 69th Representative Peter Jankin (I) B.
- 71th Representative Randall Olson.
- 71th Representative no candidate.
- 72nd Representative Greg Johnson (I) C+ endorsed.
- 73rd Representative no candidate.
- 74th Representative no candidate.
- 75th Representative no candidate.

#### Republican Ballot:

- 34th Senate Jani Rivers (R), Crystal Villarreal (R)
- 67th Representative Glen Oland (R)
- 68th Representative no candidate.
- 69th Representative Joe Sorsomski (I) A endorsed.
- 70th Representative Jeff Fischer (I) B+ endorsed.
- 71st Representative Dan Sammon (R) A endorsed.
- 72nd Representative Charles Heimeck (R)
- 73rd Representative Tony MacCormick (I) A+ endorsed.
- 74th Representative John Cahoon (I) A endorsed.

# ....Legislative Continued

ABATE Legislative Coordinator (9) Josh Witkowski announced at ABATE of Illinois Seminar on 20 January 2024 this is last term and this term ends at the December 2024 Board of Directors meeting. He expressed he feels no one should hold any position no more than 7 years and he is at that point. He introduced his "assistant" a member named Theo Graff. Josh's plan is for him to step in as a candidate for this position in December.

### A bills of interest.

#### HB 4663 VEH CD-PRETEXTUAL STOPS (10)

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle for: failing to display registration plates or stickers; being operated with an expired registration sticker; violating general speed restrictions (unless that violation is a misdemeanor or felony offense); improper lane usage (unless that violation is a misdemeanor or felony offense); failing to comply with certain requirements concerning vehicle lamps; excessive tinted defective mirrors; an obstructed windshield or defective windshield wipers; defective bumpers; (x) excessive exhaust and failure of the vehicle operator to wear a safety belt.

Provides that no evidence discovered or obtained as the result of a stop in violation of these provisions, including, but not limited to, evidence discovered or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be admissible in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. Preempt's home rule powers.--House Rules Committee 1/31/2024 Representative Justin Staughter, HB 5620 VEH CD-MOTORCYCLE HELMETS(11)

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires the operator of a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or moped and all persons to wear a motorcycle helmet. Defines "motorcycle helmet". State Representative Daniel Didech snuck in the proposed legislation to force motorcyclists in Illinois to wear DOT rated helmets just before bill filing deadline on Friday. Legislators return to Springfield February 20th, and ABATE will be there to make sure this bill doesn't move.

- (1) Illinois State Board of Education, State of Illinois 2024 ELECTION & CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALIBRATOR
- (2) Carroll County, IL (unintentional gov)
- (3) Jo Daviess County (unintentional gov)
- (4) Winnebago County, IL (unintentional gov)
- (5) Election Administration (unintentional gov)
- (6) Election Administration (unintentional gov)
- (7) Early Voting - Resident Board of Trustees (unintentional gov)
- (8) January 2024 Newsletter and Candidate List ABATE PAC website
- (9) ABATE Seminar, Candidate Status and Legislative Tracker
- (10) ABATE Seminar - Candidate Status and Legislative Tracker
- (11) Illinois General Assembly - Bill Status for HB560 (unintentional gov)

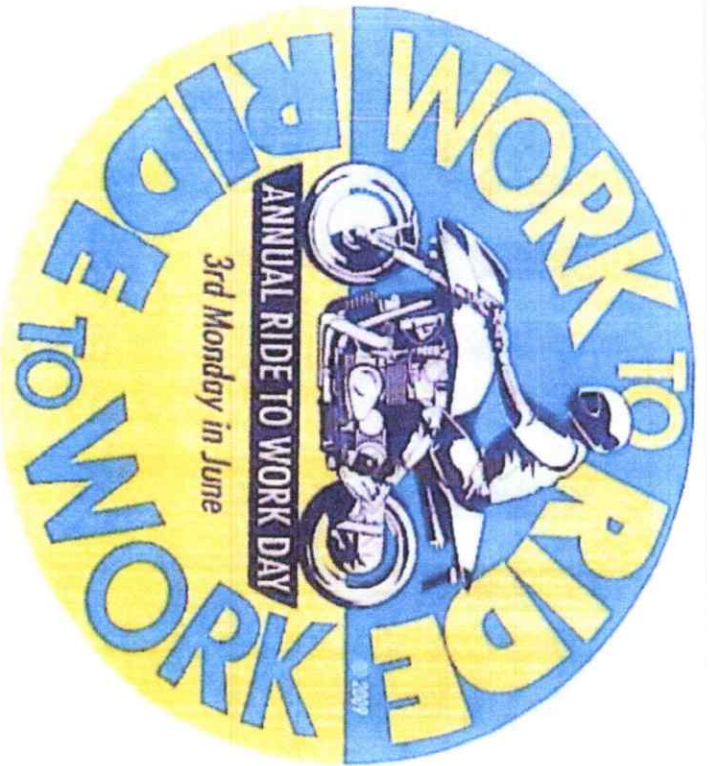
## Spring Raffle Tickets

You received Spring Raffle Tickets in your last Soft-Tale. Please take a minute and fill them out, and send them back.. The Chapter uses this money to fund our summer activities, and support motorcycle rights.

The tickets must be received no later than March 15th to be add to the drawing if you mail them. You can also bring them to the Chapter Anniversary Party on March 16th, or bring them to the Chapter meeting on the 17th..

If you would like more tickets to sell please contact Lin Feller, our membership coordinator. The Chapter thanks you for your support.





**ABATE of Illinois, Inc.**

**State Rendezvous**

**Coming in June**

**20th - 23rd ????**

**No mention of it on the State Web page**

**More info to come as I find it**

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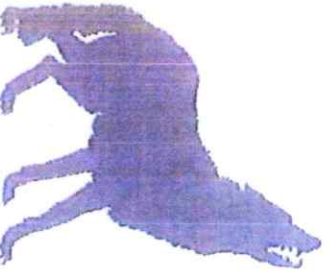
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March 16, 2024

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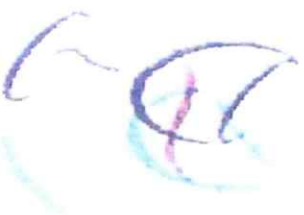
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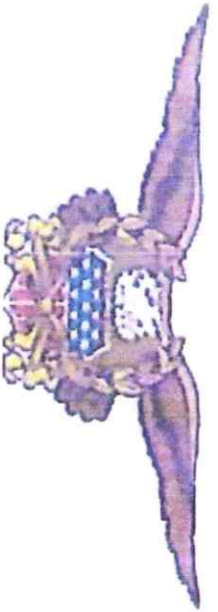
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ABATE of Illinois, Inc. Northwest Region

# Convergence Run 2024

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**Saturday July 20, 2024**

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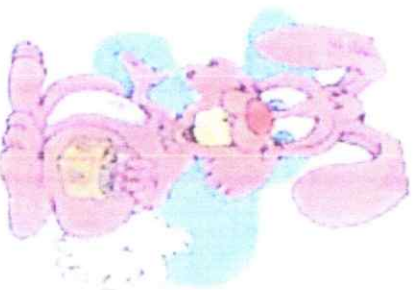
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# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Burger Run to Railway Pec
10	11	12	13 Officer's Meeting Big O's	14	15	16
17 Chapter Meeting Eagle's	18	19 VOTE	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Burger Run Rte. 20 Bar and Grill 6pm
14	15	16	17 Legisla-tive Day Spring-field	18 Officer's Meeting @ Big O's @ 6pm	19	20
21 Chapter Meeting @ Eagles @ 12:30	22 Walneck's Swap Meet in Woodstock	23	24	25	26	27
28 Swap Meet in Springfield	29	30				



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**THE BIG ONE**

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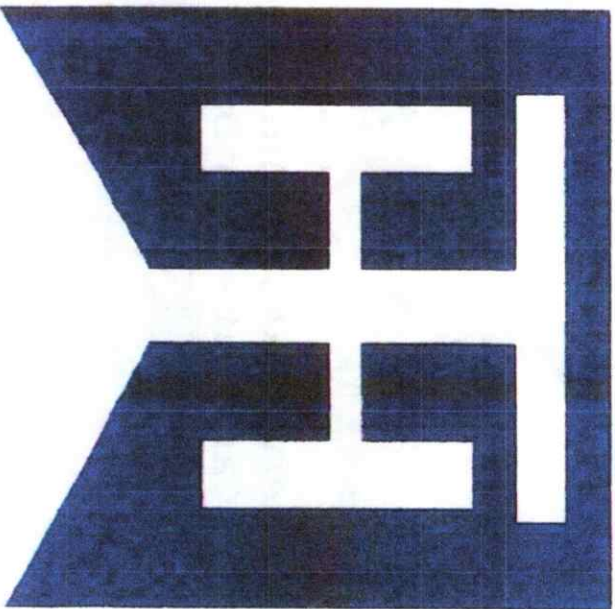
## Becky's Motions

### December Motions

Katie Schneiderman made a motion to accept the minutes as read. 2nd by Peggy Groeling, motion passed. Beth Buisker made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Peggy Groeling, motion passed. Mona Latham made a motion to have the Anniversary Party on March 16th at the Van Horn Farm. 2nd by Beth Buisker, motion passed. Peggy Groeling made a motion to accept all the Officer's reports. 2nd by Karen Van Horn, motion passed. Mona Latham made a motion to purchase 2 American Flag clocks at \$149.00 for a donation to the State Seminar. 2nd by Peggy Groeling, the motion was then amended to order 3 clocks and use the third one for the NW Region Chili Cook-off, motion passed. Doug Van Horn made a motion to donate \$500 to the Fed PAC, and \$500 to ABATE PAC to be donated at the "Walk of Shame" at the Seminar. 2nd by Peggy Groeling, motion passed. Beth Buisker made a motion to excuse Neal Toepfer from the meeting because he is in Springfield working on ABATE Business. 2nd by Edie Dennis motion passed. Mona Latham made a motion to have Karen Van Horn make a Lottery tree for the NW Region Chili Cookoff silent auction.. 2nd by Peggy Groeling, motion passed. At 3:31 Peggy Groeling made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Karen Van Horn, motion passed

### January Motions

Katie Schneiderman motioned that we reimburse Beth Buisker \$64 for materials she had invested in building a unique table for the State Seminar auction and \$40 for an eagle statue for the same auction. 2nd by Peggy Groeling, motion passed. Katie Schneiderman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Peggy Groeling, motion passed. Raymond Marschang made a motion that we pay enough to place an order for zippered hoodies for stock so that Karen can get them into inventory for future sale. 2nd by Vicky Hobson, motion passed. Karen Van Horn made a motion to put Beth Buisker on our checking account to sign checks. 2nd by Peggy Groeling, motion passed. Katie Schneiderman made a motion to remove Coleen Pfile from check writing since he is no longer an officer. 2nd by Vicky Hobson, motion passed. Beth Buisker made a motion to add some Chapter product to the mugs we are donating to the State Seminar silent auction. 2nd by Peggy Groeling, motion passed. At 1:59 Peggy Groeling made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Beth Buisker, motion Passed



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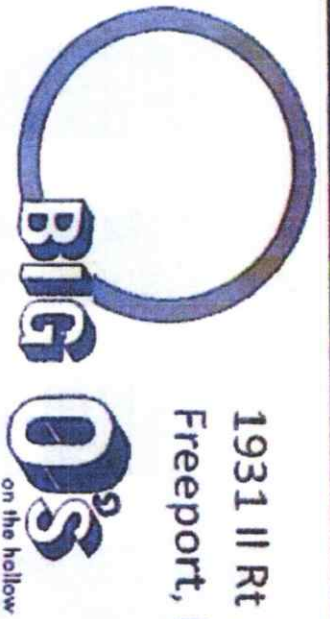


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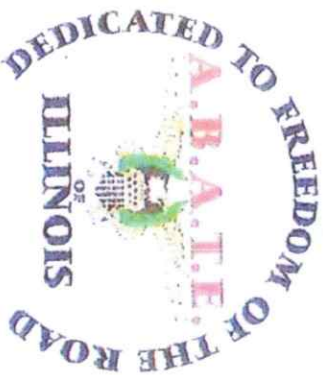
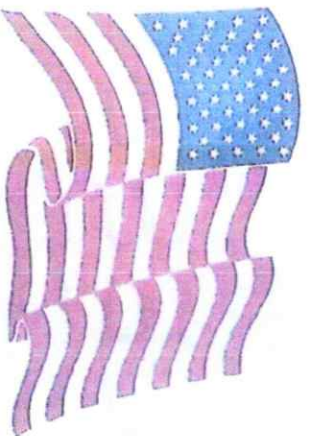
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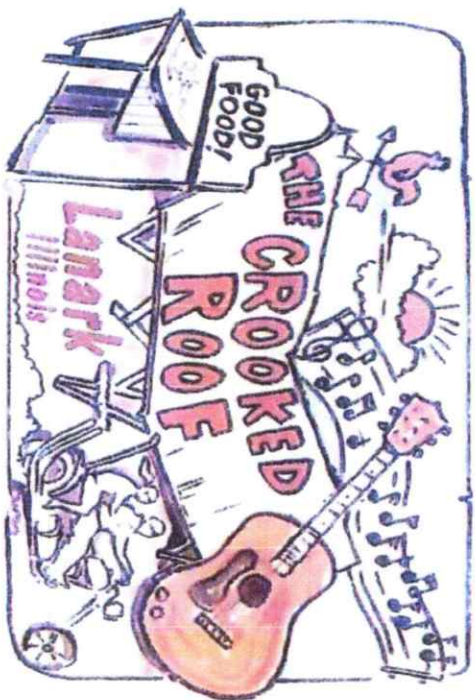
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Washington, DC 1-202-225-6201

District Office: 100 NE Monroe St.

Peoria, IL 61602 - 1-309-71-7027

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Washington, DC 1-202-5905

District Office: 2401 4th Ave.

Rock Island, IL 61201 - 1-309-786-3406

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121 B Capitol Building

Springfield, IL 62706

1-217-782-7557

District Office: 200 S. Wyman St. Suite 301

Rockford, IL 61101

1-815-987-7557

District 35 - Dave Syverson

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Section A, Office E

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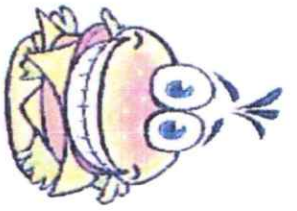
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# Burger Runs



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Check on our Facebook page for upcoming Burger Runs. Most Burger Runs Start at 6pm

March 9th The Railway Pecatonica  
 April 13th Rte. 20 Bar and Grills Freeport

Winter Meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Freeport Eagles Club, 1200 West Galena Ave. Freeport, Illinois. They Start at 12:30 pm. Summer meetings starting in May - September are outside at Riviera Park, 4513 South Crane's Grove Road, Freeport, Illinois.

- March 9 Burger Run to The Railway in Pecatonica
- March 13 Officer's Meeting @ Big o's @ 6 PM
- March 16 38th Anniversary Party @ The Van Horn Farm
- March 17 Freeport Chapter Meeting @ Eagle's Club @ 12:30
- March 19 Illinois Primary VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE
- April 13 Burger Run @ Rte. 20 Bar and Grill @ 6pm
- April 17 Legislative Day in Springfield
- \* April 18 Officer's Meeting @ Big O's @ 6pm\* Date Change
- April 21 Freeport Chapter Meeting @ Eagles Club @ 12:30
- April 21 Walneck's Swap Meet in Woodstock - See Flyer
- April 28 ABATE of Illinois Swap Meet Springfield
- May 4 Run to the Capitol - See Flyer
- May 5 ABATE of Illinois Awareness Rally Springfield
- May 11 Freeport Memorial Run - See Flyer
- May 15 Officer's Meeting @ Big O's @ 6pm
- May 18 Riding in Memory @ Pecatonica - See Flyer
- May 18 Burger Run to Mulligan's in Lena @ 6pm
- May 19 Freeport Chapter Meeting @ Riviera Park @ 12:30
- June 8 Burger Run to Mill Wheel in Milledgeville @ 6pm

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Original Date joined (if renewal) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Preference \_\_\_\_\_

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