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*Be sure to **THANK** your officers for their time, hard work, and dedication!*

2026 PEO-TAZ CALENDAR

Event	Date	Place	Time
Monthly Meeting	Jan 4th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm (Potluck)
Monthly Meeting	Feb 1st	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	March 1st	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	April 12th	Rocket Bar and Grill, Bartonville	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	May 3rd	Rocket Bar and Grill, Bartonville	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	June 7th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	July 12th	Rocket Bar and Grill, Bartonville	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	August 2nd	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Sept 13th	Rocket Bar and Grill, Bartonville	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Oct 4th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Nov 1st	VFW post 3883	1:30pm
Monthly Meeting	Dec 6th	VFW post 3883	1:30pm

VFW POST 3883

4518 S Lafayette Ave, Bartonville, IL 61607

1:30PM

Members please bring a friend to a meeting.

Not a member? Please join us at a meeting we would love to meet you and answer any questions you have about ABATE of Illinois and our Peo-Taz chapter.



What does A.B.A.T.E. do?

- Protects the rights and freedoms of motorcyclist and off-road riders in Illinois, ensuring they are not restricted by unnecessary legislation.
- Advocates for freedom of choice, especially regarding motorcycle related regulations such as gear requirements and riding practices.
- Actively works with state and local legislators to ensure motorcyclists' voices are included in transportation planning and policymaking.
- Serves as a legislation watchdog, monitoring and influencing legislative actions that affect motorcycle rights on the state, national, and even global levels.
- Helps draft motorcycle-related legislation that improves rider safety and protects motorcyclist rights throughout Illinois.
- Conducts extensive safety and education programs for drivers, seniors, legislators, and motorcyclists to increase awareness and reduce accidents.
- Promotes motorcycle safety, acceptance, and enjoyment through statewide educational and community outreach programs.
- Provides discounted legal services to members, offering support for injury cases, wills, and other legal needs through experienced motorcycle rights attorneys.
- Maintains a strong statewide network of more than 60 chapters and over 120,000 members, allowing broad grassroots action and community involvement.
- Organizes advocacy events and rallies, such as Freedom Rallies and Legislative Days, giving riders direct access to lawmakers.
- Publishes newsletters and informational materials to keep riders informed about rights issues, laws, events, and safety education.
- Employs a professional lobbyist to represent motorcycle rights in Springfield, ensuring continuous advocacy in government.

Spotlight Events!

2026 PEORIA AREA MOTORCYCLE EVENT CALENDAR



April 11	Untamed Brothers MC-Boys & Girls Club Run
April 18	ABATE Freedom Valley-Benefit your Rights Ride
April 25	Bikers That Care-Rain or Shine Run
May 2	Masonic Riders Paul Revere Chapter-Crittenton Center Ride
May 2	CMA-Run for the Son
May 9	Shepherders MC-Fallen Brothers Run
May 13	ABATE of Illinois Legislative Day and ride to Capital
May 23	Foundry Rats MC-Autism Fun Run Night Ride
May 23	CMA-Bike Blessing and Bike Party in the Park
May 30	ABATE Freebird Chapter-Raffle Run
May 30	Untamed Brothers MC-Children's Hospital Charity Run
June 6	Union Brotherhood MC - Fun Run
June 14	Black Pistons MC - Night Ride
June 20	B.A.C.A.-100-Mile Ride
June 27	Freedom Valley-Summer Fun Run
July 4	New Attitudes MC -4 th of July Party
July 4	Twisted Breed MC-4 th of July Party
July 25	Peo-Taz - Rock for your Rights Party
August 1	Untamed Brothers MC - Fallen Brothers Run
August 7	Masonic Riders Paul Revere Chapter-Lantern Ride
August 8	Widows Sons One Five - feed the Homeless Ride
August 15	Foundry Rats MC - Autism Run
August 22	AOA-MC-TT Rib Fest
August 23	Twisted Breed MC-Camp Big Sky
August 29	Union Brotherhood MC - Christmas for Kids
September 12	Black Pistons MC-Fun Run
September 19	BASH
September 26	Shepherders MC-BG Foust Memorial Ride
October 3	Bikers that Care Fun Run
October 10	ABATE Freedom Valley-Costume Ride
October 17	ABATE Freebird Chapter-Fun Run
October 18	Bikers That Care-Bikers and Treats
October 24	New Attitudes MC-Halloween Party
November 1	ABATE Peo-Taz-Quarter Auction
November 7	Veterans Day Parade-East Peoria
November 11	Peoria Veterans Day Parade
November 14	AOA-MC-Trivia Night
December 19	AOA-MC-Christmas for Kids

Spotlight Events!

Legislative Day is a VERY important event. We need all who can attend to join us and show our numbers to those making laws and decisions for us. PLEASE JOIN US!

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026
START AT FLOYD'S THIRST
PARLOR FROM 8 - 9:30 AM

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Spotlight Events!

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3 Chapter Cook-off

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Join us for some incredible food

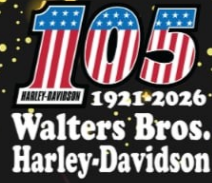
Location:

Spring Bay American Legion

Date/Time

March 21st

2-6 pm



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE DEALER THAT SUPPORTS YOUR COMMUNITY!

Walters Brothers Harley-Davidson will mark 105 years of continuous service in 2026, celebrating a century-plus at the center of motorcycle culture in Central Illinois. We host top rides and events featuring live music, food, and charity fundraising for causes like St. Jude, breast cancer, and colon cancer survivors. We sponsor rides for local veterans groups, first responders, Back the Blue police support rides, Down Syndrome families, Toys for Tots and more. WBHD also supports local racing, sponsoring clubs like Pekin and Galesburg Motorcycle Clubs, District 17, and Cory Texter Racing. We were also your presenting sponsor of the legendary 2025 Peoria Motorcycle Club TT Races. Henry Wiles piloted a Walters Brothers Harley-Davidson in the American Flat Track Adventure Trackers Series. We sponsor multiple ABATE chapters so they can support your rights. We sponsor the Harley Owners Group (HOG) of Peoria and too many local MC's to list. Join us as we present local concerts and events that respect our life on two-wheels.

If it's a moto-culture event in Central Illinois, Walters Brothers is at the heart of it. 2026 will be no exception. Big things are coming and we are excited to spend another year of riding excitement with you.

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President

DAVE SALTER

Hello everyone here we go again with the lovely Illinois weather. We have had a lot of things happening just since the beginning of the year with the state and trying to introduce new laws and trying to put thru the helmet law. The truth is that we have the choice to wear or not wear a helmet due to ABATE fighting for our rights as motorcycle riders, otherwise we all would have to wear a helmet anytime we ride or face fines. Now is the time to reach out to your local chapter and get the info and keep you up to date on what's going on. Join ABATE and help us fight to keep our rights as riders. Hope to see everyone out this summer. Keep the rubber side down.

- Dave Salter, Peo-Taz President



DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)!

"Advancing HR 3385"

This week, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) submitted a letter to the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee urging lawmakers to advance H.R. 3385, legislation to modernize the nearly 60-year-old federal definition of a motorcycle.

The MRF supports the bill because it updates outdated language to better reflect the design and operation of true motorcycles on today's roads. It is important to provide clear regulatory guidance and improve how motorcycles are classified at the federal level.

To be clear, the MRF is not opposed to autocycles or innovation in vehicle design. However, we believe manufacturers of these vehicles have operated in a regulatory gray area for far too long. These manufacturers should work proactively with policymakers to establish appropriate classifications for the products they sell.



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Legislative Representative

PATRICK WOOD

!!! Legislative day is May 13th at 0800 at Floyd's Thirst Parlor. Please plan on attending and let's show Springfield how we can show up !!!

This is starting to be a busy year in Springfield. Lots of bills and issues to cover. First off WAYMO driverless taxis, we conducted our poll in January With successful results. Most of the people surveyed strongly support testing and regulation, oversight and accountability before these vehicles are let loose in our communities. I believe the money spent on this poll was well worth it based on the response at the capitol. People are really taking notice of the results we got, and it is affecting how bills are being treated in Springfield. There are several bills we are watching on this but the ones we are supporting, which have included our safety recommendations are HB4789 and SB3308, hopefully we can get these through.

On E-BIKES, HB4925, regulates the age that someone can ride e-bikes and we are supporting this.

HELMET BILL, HB3783 is stuck in rules committee and hopefully it dies there. There are many other bills we are watching this year and you can see the updated list at our ABATE state website.

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On a national level, this year they are working on the national transportation bill so the MRF is working to get language put in that benefits all of us as motorcyclists. Also, National Right To Repair bill has passed out its subcommittee hearing so now it will come to the full subcommittee for consideration. This is a big step in the right direction, since this has been on the back burner for many years now.

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- Patrick Wood (Woody): Peo-Taz Legislative Rep.



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Safety & Education

DUSTY DIBLER

HELLO Everyone! Are you smarter than a 15-year-old? This is the test we hand out at the schools when doing a safety and education class.

1] Why is it important to treat motorcycles with respect and give them room on the road?

- a. A motorcycle is much more vulnerable to injury or death in a collision
- b. A motorcycle has the same rights on highway as a motorist
- c. The motorcyclist could be your neighbor
- d. All the above

2] As a motorist you should look for a motorcycle on the road?

- a. Sometimes
- b. Never
- c. In good weather
- d. Always

3] When is the most common collision between cars and motorcycles?

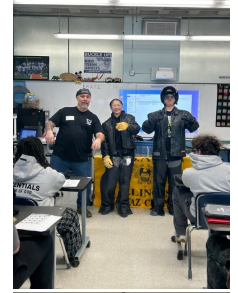
- a. When a car backs out of a driveway into a motorcycles path
- b. When a car changes lanes
- c. When a motorcycle is rear-ended by a car
- d. When a car turns left in front of an oncoming motorcycle

4] Motorcycles are smaller than cars this makes them?

- a. Faster
- b. More difficult to see
- c. Harder to control
- d. Less stable

5] What is the safest way to pass a motorcycle?

- a. Don't pass at all
- b. Hurry up and get around the motorcycle
- c. Pass the motorcycle as if it were a car
- d. Always pass on the right



6] What portion of the lane will a motorcyclist ride in most of the time?

- a. left side of the lane
- b. right side of the lane
- c. center of the lane
- d. depends on traffic conditions

7] What should you do when being passed by a motorcycle?

- a. Maintain speed and lane position
- b. Speed up
- c. Change lanes to give the motorcycle more room
- d. None of the above

8] Why do motorcyclist change lanes?

- a. To get a better view of oncoming traffic
- b. To attract attention to themselves
- c. To avoid obstacles in the road
- d. All of the above

9] When following a motorcycle what is the bare minimum distance you should keep between you and the motorcycle when traveling under 40mph?

- a. 20 feet
- b. 3 to 5 seconds
- c. 2 car lengths
- d. 2 yards

10] How many times should you look for a motorcycle before turning into traffic?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3-keep your head on a swivel
- d. 4 or more

Answers: 1-d 2-c 3-d 4-b 5-c 6-a 7-a 8-d 9-b 10-3

YOURS TRULY, Dusty Dibler—Safety and Education Director



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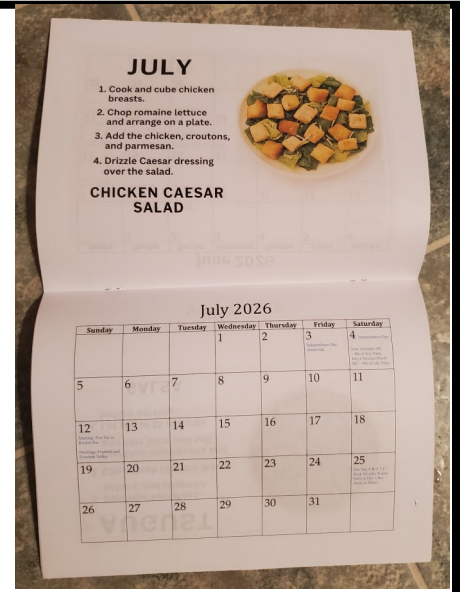
SUSAN SALTER

We are starting the year off strong. We finished the gun raffle and started a money raffle.

We have a new version of the ABATE events as a full color wall hanging calendar :) Selling for just \$5. They will be available at chapter events and meetings.

Thanks for all your fun ideas.

Susan Salter - Treasurer



DID YOU KNOW? STAY INFORMED FROM THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)!

“Renewing Calls To Action!”

On Tuesday, lawmakers advanced several measures, including H.R. 1566, the Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act, and H.R. 3385, legislation updating the federal definition of a motorcycle. The hearing also addressed multiple bills related to autonomous vehicles and overall vehicle safety.

Advancing these two (2) Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) high-priority bills out of subcommittee shows forward momentum and signals growing support, which we must encourage by renewing our recent Calls To Action. These bills will now be taken up by the full House Energy and Commerce Committee, where additional debate and amendments may occur, before potentially advancing to the full U.S. House of Representatives for consideration.

We cannot pass up this opportunity to encourage progress on these two issues, reminding legislators that we have not lost focus.



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Membership

SHANNON JOHNSON

Howdy All! It is that time of the year that we hear our rides screaming from storage...those of us who are fair weather riders. "It's time to go out and PLAY!" As we look at the forecast and say not yet. We know it's getting close. I would like to thank you all for being patient with me sending out renew envelopes as the system and labels are changing. As many of you know I am slow with change. Susan our fabulous treasurer is working on way to get us some updated membership forms at a more cost effective cost. We are thankful to Teri at state for helping us. As the riding season begins we are committed to having them for you to pass out. We hope to have some of them for you by the next meeting.



Although our VP Randy Pugh lost February's incentive drawing for 70.00, He did win the gun/cash drawing. The winning number was 7. We have started another board. This time it is for 500.00. There will only be 100 spaces sold. The squares are only 10.00 a piece. Will be available at our meetings.

As of March 1st we have 137 active members.

Members due to renew: Matt Bernstein, Kay Bernstein, Wayne Calvin, Karen Chase, Roberta English, Ron Fletcher, Rance Fouts, Al Hammond, Ginny Hammond, Chris Hern, Charlene Inman, Maddie Krigbaum, Greg Lewis, Keith Maile, Yolanda Maile, Jim Mcelya, Mark Pankey, Stacy Reardon, Mark Rohman, Adam Smith, Amanda Stuart, Mark Whittaker, Deanna Whittaker, Chad Wiehe, Ray Wright.

Thank you have a groovy day! - Shannon

Chaplain

BEN MADIGAN

How many out there have problems that seem to be bigger than you can handle? Answer: probably all of us. Our Pastor spoke on "Slaying your giants" last Sunday. Do you remember the true story of David and Goliath in the Bible? Goliath was around 9'6" tall. David was small and young. Goliath posed a large problem for the army of Israel. He taunted them for 40 days. Along comes David and says, "who is this dude?". He's mocking us and our God! I'm taking him down in the Name of the Lord! And that's just what he did. With some smooth stones and a sling. Problem solved. His reward? Bragging rights, 1 of the kings daughters for marriage, and didn't have to pay taxes. Folks, we don't have to take the devils lies any longer. Stand on Gods promises and declare your a Child of God! He gives us the strength and courage. We are overcomers. God is bigger than any problem you and I have. Trust in Him He is Lord.

Love you all! Ben and Pam



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The March 2026 drawing was held on March 1st at the monthly meeting. Roe Grachek we drew your name and you were not present. Sorry you missed out on \$80 dollars. The April pot will be worth \$90!



Remember you must be present to win.

Ride with the Leaders!

Thousands of motorcyclist rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grass roots organizations.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to present their annual conference for politically motivated motorcyclists! Spend the weekend with some of motorcycling's most educated and dedicated activists. Learn what issues will impact bikers today and in the future!

Use the applications below to join and support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and to pre-register for the 26th annual Meeting of the Minds, September 23-26 at the Holiday Inn City Centre, Peoria, Illinois.



It's time you did something more to protect your rights!

JOIN AND SUPPORT Motorcycle Riders Foundation REGISTER, VOTE, WRITE AND RIDE!

- Annual Individual Membership \$30
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BECOME A member

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A.B.A.T.E. of ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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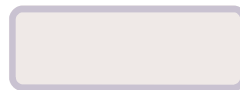
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A.B.A.T.E. needs YOU! Call to Action

There are more owners of motorcycles, atv's and dirt bikes than ever before. However, our membership state wide is lower than it has been in a decade.

WHO WILL FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS?

When Trailer plate prices were raised by 555% A.B.A.T.E. was the only organization that addressed it. A.B.A.T.E. is ever vigilant on keeping Illinois a helmet by choice state. (Illinois vs Freis)