

Calendar of Events

January 8-10th- (IL) 32nd Annual Chicago Motorcycle Show at Phesant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL for more info www.chicagomotorcycleswap.com
Jan 24-(OH) Walneck Swap Meet at Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, OH for more info www.walneckswap.com
Jan 30- (WI) Outer Limits M.C 15th Annual Winter party at the Orchard Inn in Menomonee Falls, WI 6-?? for more info 414-940-3417
February 6- (WI) Benefit for Vietnam Vet Skip Colliins of Adams, WI who lost everything in a fire. Benefit will be held at Bulldog's Bar 4010 Plover Rd Wisconsin Rapids 5 till ?? for more info 920-573-2003
March 6- (IL) Walneck Swap Meet at Beareu County Fairgrounds in Princeton, IL for more info www.walneckswap.com
March 13- (OH) Walneck Swap Meet at Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, OH for more info www.walneckswap.com
March 26- (WI) Benefit for J.D's Medical Expenses due to a motorcycle accident 5-?? at Orchard Inn in Menomonee Falls, WI prtesnted by Outer Limits MC. Spegetti dinner available for purchase.
April 10- (IL) Walneck Swap Meet at Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles, IL for more info www.walneckswap.com
 *** More events added all the time. If you have an event you would like added feel free to at preacher@freeriderspress.us with the info and I would be glad to place it for you. preacher@freeriderspress.us
 *** **Biker Church every 2nd & 4th Sunday at Rushing Winds Biker Church 1110 S. Oneida Street in Appleton , WI starting at 6:30 for more info www.facebook.com/rescueshopfoxvalley**
 *** www.motorcyclemonster.com/events/state-Wisconsin.html
 *** www.motorcyclemonster.com/events/state-Illinois.html
 *** www.motorcyclemonster.com/events/state-Minnesota.html
 ***Many more can be found at
 ***www.facebook.com/WiscoBikersResourceGuide/photos_stream
 *** www.abatewis.org

FOR ALL MEMBERS: a little something to think about during the long-cold winter... ABATE of Wisconsin is a brotherhood. Brothers and Sisters within this brotherhood aren't born into the family - they wander in at some point in their life and it's up to all of us to foster them, welcome them, and teach them the ABATE of Wisconsin way. For them to stay they need to be encouraged, mentored, and respected.

One of the most important things you can get from other people is their r-e-s-p-e-c-t. Sure, most people also want to be liked. The problem with this is that it's nearly impossible to be universally liked. Liking just happens, it's not necessarily something you can work toward. Respect, on the other hand, is something that's earned. And earning someone's respect-is one of the best feelings in the world. Take a look at the people in ABATE of Wisconsin that you feel you and other people respect. Line them up in your mind and think about them. What do they have in common? I'm guessing that for most of them what they have in common are that they give and get the five things I'm going to run through here.

1. They're honest with you.
Respecting someone certainly means never lying to them, and it also means not sugarcoating the truth. People who respect you will offer praise when it's deserved, and constructive criticism when it's needed, because they know you'll want to understand how to improve.
2. They're willing to disagree with you.
Someone who likes you might just agree with everything you say in hopes of getting you to like them back. People who respect you will understand that you have different opinions sometimes and might not agree, but can still appreciate your viewpoint. They also aren't afraid that you'll crumble when challenged.
3. They don't waste your time.
This goes for everything from not forcing you to attend unproductive meetings or endless emails just for the sake of grabbing some attention. They aren't going to inflict you with unnecessary busy work or negative conversation with no solution. Someone who respects you understands that your time is valuable and isn't going to use you or string you along.
4. They ask your opinion.
I think we're all pretty picky about who we'll take advice from. If someone's asking for yours, it means they think you're doing some things right and they'd like to be more like you.
5. They keep their word.
Someone who respects you is going to deliver on things they say they'll do, whether it's showing up to an event or delivering a project at work. Someone who respects you generally wants you to respect them, too, so they'll definitely do things to earn it.

Are you someone who earns and gives respect? Do you have time to share it with the motorcycle rights/safety world? 2016 is an ABATE of Wisconsin election year. Please think about sharing this important leadership skill with us - at any level you have time to consider.
 Respectfully Yours... Twit. ☺
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 Then there where us older bikers who just sitting there waited for the light to change. After two hours of dealing with this I was having difficulty with everything going on around me and I was getting to over welling. I'm use to being out in the country riding by myself enjoying the peace and quiet. Most of the time I see very few bikers if any and when I do they are usually going in a different direction. I was getting low on fuel so I filled my tank up and enjoy the two hours ride by myself, as I head back to where I was staying.
 I enjoy my day at Daytona Bike Week and as I drove back the only thing I could think of to make the day better would be to share it with someone when it was happening. My idea of what I was expecting to happen at Daytona was totally different then what I got to enjoy. There is definitely something at bike week for everyone to enjoy. If you never been to Daytona Bike Week you have to try it. It may or may not be your thing, but you never know till you been there.
 Have a pleasant and Godly day. Laurence

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