

What a Great Team We Make

So, here I am being the ABATE of Wisconsin cheerleader again and touting what a great organization we have and how awesome my brothers and sisters are. If you folks weren't such great people, I wouldn't have to sound like a broken record and I could write about something else. But here I go again....

Since my days at Officer's Training a few months ago, I have been truly blown away by the number of our members who have stepped forward to help get our Public Service Announcements on the radio airwaves. I've had public relations foot-soldiers coming out of the woodwork asking me for our PSA recordings on CD and having great success getting a commitment from their local radio stations to play our announcements during the coming riding season. This will undoubtedly be one of the best awareness seasons our organization has ever seen. I could not have done this alone. But as a team, we are making it happen.

On Lobby Day this year, I was scheduled to help present our positions in a meeting with three state senators and nine state representatives. It wouldn't be honest of me if I didn't say that I was at least a little bit nervous. But when I walked into the meeting room, all I could see were the dozens of ABATE members that were there to support our positions and each other. And a couple of times when my argument needed some extra information, other members were there to fill in the gaps. ABATE of Wisconsin Lobby Day is now just a memory but the impact from that day will last a long time. It had a huge effect not only on our elected officials but on our organization as well. If I were alone that day, the message would have been delivered but not nearly with the same effect as it had with all of us there working together.

Consider what science has discovered as to why you see geese flying along in a "V" formation. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds in front. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will work as a team also and stay in formation with those people who are headed the same way we are.

During this years riding season, I urge each of you to reach out and find out how you can become a part of our "V" formation. Make this the year that you finally step forward and become a bigger part of the ABATE team. Find out what events other regions are holding and join them. For as we've discovered several times in the past, our organization can truly move mountains when we band together.

It takes two wings to fly,
Dean "D-Day" Bartosh
Director of Public Relations
ABATE of Wisconsin

ABATE Recognized By Arkansas Lawmakers

ABATE members from around the state gathered in Little Rock at the Arkansas House of Representatives on April 4, 2013 for the reading and vote on HR1040, which reads in part:

"The House of Representatives commends ABATE, the Arkansas Bikers Aiming Towards Education organization, for raising awareness of motorcycle safety issues; for promoting goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel, and the general public; for being an information resource for its members; and for working to benefit the less fortunate through various events."

Oregon Proposal Would Make It A Crime To Be Linked To A "Gang"

In an attempt to crack down on violent criminal activity, Oregon lawmakers are considering a bill that would make it a crime just being linked to what it defines as a "gang".

The big question is how would authorities decide who's a gang member and who's not, and the bill says any group of three or more people whose main purpose is criminal activity, has a commonly known name or symbol and regularly engages in criminal acts would be considered a "criminal street gang."

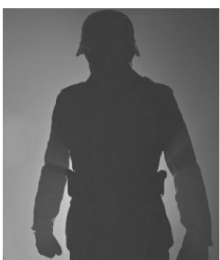
Police currently track gang members, but there's no law against belonging to any particular organization even if that group is repeatedly tied to criminal activity, but House Bill 2679 and its companion, House Bill 2851, would give authorities another tool for cracking down on gang members because under the proposed law, just being a member would be a felony and subject to stiffer sentences.

The Oregon American Civil Liberties Union told lawmakers it is concerned that the definition of a "criminal street gang" is too vague. "The breadth of the bill and the confusion that will result from its definitions, or lack thereof, risks violating a defendant's due process rights because that defendant is not on notice of what activity is criminal," said the ACLU, adding that current laws are strong enough and urged lawmakers to not advance the bills.

Weird News: Smart Apps

What do Lady Antebellum, Harley-Davidson motorcycles, the beauty store Sephora and the Facebook page "I Love Being a Mom" all have in common? Well, researchers at the University of Cambridge are claiming that "liking" those things on Facebook may be a sign of a low IQ.

According to www.radio.com, researchers in the U.K. took a close look at 58,000 Facebook users between 2007 and 2012, and correlated their "likes" with the strength of their IQ's. If you're wondering what "likes" translated to a high IQ, the items include curly fries and thunderstorms, so this is one study nobody is taking too seriously.




AN OVERREACHING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY IS CALLING BIKERS A DISEASE OF THE ROADWAYS. THEY ARE WORKING TO TAKE AWAY OUR FREEDOMS OF THE ROAD AS MOTORCYCLISTS.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Are you just going to hand over your motorcycle keys when they come knocking?

WE NEED YOUR HELP – JOIN US AND FIGHT FOR YOUR FREEDOM TO RIDE!



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Wolf it Down BBQ BIKER Bash

Open to everyone 21 & older
June 8th, 2013

The Den

**2304 Vickerman rd.
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538**

**50/50 draw Science Ride 10am
Tattoos Food music
Biker Rodeo Bike Show
Door prizes**

Directions

From 94: Exit 26 south take to Vickerman rd Go (left) to The Den on left
From 90: Exit 26 north take to Vickerman rd Go (right) to The Den on left
From 12: (White Water) Take county rd N west toward 26 to Vickerman rd Go (Right) to The Den on Right

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