

A New Use for Those Old Lawnmower Parts and Bar Furniture!

For the last four years the AKA Lakeside Bar on Rock Dam in western Clark Co. has been hosting a unique event each January. With the help of some of the ABATE Region 4C Members, Ann and Rob of the AKA Lakeside put on the 4th Annual Motorized Barstool Ice Races. That's right! Just like it sounds! You take a standard barstool, put a small tire at each corner, add a 5 hp gas lawnmower engine, and hang on!

A few years back, around late 2005, a few of these daredevils got together and were lamenting the fact that the season was over and there was not a lot to do until next spring. A couple of beers later (surprise!) the idea came up that those little tires could be studded, just like snowmobile tracks, and then the conversation turned to how much faster one driver's machine would be than another's on the ice. Anyone who has been in one of those conversations knows that there is only one way to settle it. A date was picked and some ABATE friends that had been coordinating the summer Barstool Races at the Summer Hummer State Rally were asked to officiate.

That is where this annual event began, so each January since 2006 on the small bay behind AKA Lakeside Bar, more machines, more drivers, and more spectators have arrived to compete or watch. Members of ABATE Region 4C provide the track



maintenance crew, flaggers, registration and pit security. Payout depends on the number of entrants, and ABATE does some raffles and a 50-50 to raise a little money for motorcyclists' rights causes.

So make a point to not miss this event next year. It usually falls on the last Saturday in January, so watch for the announcement and the posters. A unique and fun event where the drivers putting on the show get the majority of the winnings, and a little goes to ABATE Region 4C for their help.

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