

**ABATE OF WISCONSIN**  
DEDICATED TO THE FREEDOM OF THE ROAD

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## Welcome to ABATE of Wisconsin

*“A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments”*

Thank you for joining us as a member of ABATE of Wisconsin, Inc. We are not a club. We are a group of free citizens joined together with the goal of maintaining and protecting the rights and safety of motorcyclists. Your membership is very important as long as there are new laws being considered, ABATE needs to exist to watchdog our freedoms. We have been successful in the past in both repealing restrictive mandates and having bills authored that further protect the rights of motorcyclists. Your membership and involvement is very important to our continued future success.

**Please take a moment to check the information on the enclosed membership card. If it is not correct, please let us know.**

**Call us at 1-800-386-4442 (local 715-284-7415)**

**Or Email us at abatewis@abatewis.org**

It is very important that you help us keep your mailing address current. Our newsletter is sent to you by Standard Mail and will not be forwarded by the Post Office.

It is also very important to us to keep an accurate phone number for our members on file. If you move and your phone number changes, please let us know what the new number is.

All membership information collected by ABATE of Wisconsin is held in complete confidentiality. It is never sold or shared with any other business, organization, or individual. The information you provide for us is only used by ABATE of Wisconsin.


We have also enclosed a copy of our most recent newsletter. Within the next four weeks, you will receive your first issue of our monthly newsletter mailed to the address on your membership card. Couples memberships will only receive one copy of the newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep you informed on motorcycle issues in Wisconsin, the nation, and around the world.

In each issue, you will find reports from the state officers of ABATE of Wisconsin. These reports are designed to highlight what your state leadership feels are the most important issues of the month. Feedback from the membership is encouraged. Contact information for the state officers is printed on the back page of every newsletter.

Also included in each issue of our newsletter is a listing of motorcycle related events around the state, classified ads that are offered free to our members, and general articles of interest to the motorcycle world. We hope you enjoy our Newsletter and we welcome comments from our members.

For local impact, ABATE of Wisconsin divides the state into 8 Districts, and 30+ regions. Each district has a District Director seated on the Board of Directors. The District Director in your area is your first line of contact to the Board. Each region has an elected Regional Rep. In active regions, the Regional Rep’s name and contact information are located at the top of the regional report printed in the newsletter. Also in each newsletter (on page 5), is a map of Wisconsin marking the ABATE Regional

### How to “read” your Membership Card

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| IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING   | 1-800-386-4442   |

The numbers on first line on the label represent (from left to right)

The District our computer put you into based on your county of residency

Your unique Membership Number

Your years of membership

The date on which your current membership expires.

boundaries . You may use this map to find out which of our regions are closest to you. These Regional boundaries are only a management tool for the efficient operation of the organization. As a member of ABATE of Wisconsin, you have the right to attend ABATE meetings and events anywhere in the state. Most of our members chose to identify with their local region and attend meetings there. If you have a question about ABATE, please feel free to contact one of the regional officers in your area as listed in the newsletter.

As a first year member, you receive an embroidered ABATE patch as enclosed in this mailing. Near the end of your first year of membership, you will receive a postcard in the mail reminding you it's time to renew your membership. On that postcard you will be asked for your preference of a PIN or ROCKER. If you choose a pin, you will receive for your renewal an updated membership card and a metal pin indicating how many years you have been a member. The "Rocker" is an embroidered patch that is shaped to fit at the bottom point of the patch that you received in this mailing. New first year members receive only the triangle-shaped embroidered patch you received in this mailing: the pins and rockers do not start until your second year.

Each new member receives one ABATE of Wisconsin patch with their membership. If you would like a second patch (for example, one on your jacket, one on your vest) you can order them from our State Office address by sending \$2.50 along with your name and address and a note requesting an additional Membership Patch. Our State Office address is printed at the top of this letter.

You can find even more information about ABATE of Wisconsin, Inc. on our webpage by going to [www.abatewis.org](http://www.abatewis.org). On the left side of the main page you will see a subscription form for our **Alerts List**. We encourage all members to enter their email address and subscribe to the alerts. This list is maintained by ABATE of Wisconsin with the same promise of confidentiality we hold for any of our membership records. It is never shared and you will only receive emails directly from our office notifying you of information identified by our officers as important to our membership. Please sign up for these alerts and give them a try. You may unsubscribe from the service at any time by simply going to our main page, resubmitting your email address and choosing "unsubscribe."

Again, we welcome you to ABATE of Wisconsin. From our very simple beginnings in 1974 ABATE of Wisconsin has grown into a powerful voice and watchdog for the rights and safety of motorcyclists both here in Wisconsin and in Washington, D.C. We realize that with this growth we have built a structure that can be a little difficult for a new member to fully understand. It is our hope that this letter will make your entry into ABATE of Wisconsin easier for you and that the information contained here will help you to gain the full benefit of your membership as quickly as possible.

If at anytime you have a question about ABATE of Wisconsin or your ABATE of Wisconsin membership please do not hesitate to give our State Office or one of our officers a call or an email. Ride Safe... Ride Free... and thank you again for showing your Dedication to the Freedom of the Road by joining us.

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