

## CHAPTER BUSINESS

The meeting got started on an appreciative note! Alan and Pam Ferguson presented Val Tucker with an appreciation plaque. Val is co-owner of The Icehouse and provided much support to Alan and Pam while they were activities co-officers. Remember The Icehouse when you are out and about!

Remember our membership drive is May 11, 2013 at the Cross County Mall in Mattoon, IL. The Moonshine Run was successful despite the cold! We had 11 bikes rolling down the road to get burgers!

Mark your calendars! May 5 is the Illinois Safety Awareness Rally in Springfield, Liberty will meet at the McDonald's parking lot in Shelbyville. We will be riding with other chapters to Springfield. Kickstands will go up at 9 am.



Due to Mother's Day our next meeting is May 19 at Lytle Park in Mattoon at 11 am. It is only an officer's meeting but general membership is welcome to attend. After the meeting we will head south on I-57 for the Windshield Wash. This is a chance to get out there and be seen and heard. It allows motorists to remember they are sharing the road with motorcycles.

Get your merchandise here! The products ladies have announced the following merchandise:

2013 Anniversary T-shirts \$9

2012 Anniversary T-shirts \$5

Cozies \$2

Patches \$3

If you need products please contact:

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Glenn Brunson has resigned as our Public Relations officer. Twila Simpson has been elected to continue the term as Public Relations.

Our new website is up and running. Make sure you check it out! If you haven't visited the website it can be found at:

<http://libertyabate.org/>

We can be found on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/liberty.abate>

If you have an email address please let me know at [onfire@consolidated.net](mailto:onfire@consolidated.net) so I may email the newsletter to you. Let me know if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter or anything you need posted.

**New Business** - we need someone to check into storage units to keep Liberty's supplies. Dave Meyers has volunteered to price storage units and report back to the membership. Cathy Curl thanked the Anniversary Party committee for a job well done! Liberty chapter would like to thank the committee for all of your hard work!

## FUND RAISING (CORRECTION)

This function is **NOT** a fund raiser for Ryan Monfort. This is just a fun ride that was put together and Liberty ABATE has been invited.

This is not an ABATE sponsored event but I want to include this announcement because it is one of our members.

Bourbon Tour and Tasting May 25 - 27, 2013 for Ryan Monfort (Pam Ferguson's son). Meeting for breakfast 8 am at Lincoln Garden Family Restaurant at 703 W. Lincoln Ave. in Charleston, IL. Going to Elizabethtown, KY which is about 240 miles. The group is staying at Baymont Inn and Suites and you need to make your own reservations. If you have questions you may contact Joe "Doug" Monfort at 268-3063.

**SAFETY TIP****Pre Ride Check list T-CLOCK -**

Tires-wheels, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis Kick stand. It is very important to check your motorcycle before you ride to avoid potential problems. Remember, it's safer riding not safe crashing.

Motorist and motorcyclist always use turn signals when changing lanes. May is motorcycle awareness month. Ride safe, be safe, and have a great summer!

- contributed by Twila Simpson

Governor Pat Quinn signed a law that gives motorcyclists relief from red lights that won't change. With the new law, a biker can go through a red light after 2 minutes of waiting. Mattoon police starting to have a problem with bikers not waiting on the 2 minute limit.



- contributed by Glenn Brunson

**WEBSITE STATISTICS**

Total hits for April = 3,830  
total hits for March = 2,870  
total hits for Feb = 1,039

Most popular in last 60 days  
3,290 hits on photo page total...  
822 hits on photos  
785 hits on Home Page  
308 hits on Members page  
224 hits on officers page  
218 hits on Newsletter page  
163 hits on sponsors page  
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