

2017 LIBERTY OFFICERS –

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 Webmaster – Glen Brunson
 Sgt. At Arms – Alan Ferguson & Henry Magee with David Myers as alternate

Vice President -

Hi everyone, it has been an interesting year and 2016 is winding down. I take this time to look back at a successful year with Liberty ABATE, good and bad and the good outweighs the bad, which is good. All of our officers did a great job supporting our chapter as did so many members. I take this time to say thanks to all the officers and members dedicated to ABATE because it is what it takes to keep ABATE going and to stay strong working on biker rights. So, for 2017 I challenge each member to renew your membership and help by signing up new members. We all know a biker that's not a member of ABATE, sign up with a chapter of choice.

As you all read, or hopefully you all will read the December 2016 State ABATE of Illinois newsletter. The article on page 5 from State Newsletter Coordinator she stated that putting out a state newsletter to all of the members monthly is very costly. This was brought up at the monthly state meeting. A motion was made to combine certain months into one newsletter. This will also drizzle down to local chapters. ** Please read the article. ** The reason for this is due to a huge drop in ABATE members. ABATE has lost many members due to death, and those that do not re-new. There are so many biker groups, which is good, but those

groups have nothing to do with legislation for bikers, what power ABATE would have if they all joined.

This is only a beginning, what can become of ABATE, cuts are being looked at, if we do not get together and talk up ABATE to get others to join. ABATE is being held together by members who care about our biker rights. We need new members as many are getting older and will also be dropping out. The \$25.00 you spend yearly, for what ABATE offers is a bargain such as insurance and legal advice. ABATE goes to work for our biker rights, safety matters, and so much more. Let's all join in get ABATE membership back up. Enjoy, stay safe, STAY ALERT. Merry Christmas and Happy New year as we ride into 2017....

Glenn

Liberty's V.P./Webmaster officer

Activities –

Dec. 19 – Turn over of officers and construction of fruit baskets at the Local on 45 at 6 PM. Bring snacks to share.
 Jan. 8 – Meeting at The Local on 45
 Jan. 20 & 21 – State Seminar Springfield, IL



Make sure to check out our website. 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>

Merchandise-

NEW PRODUCT –

Scarves (grey or pink) \$6

Hoodies \$25

Long Sleeve Shirts \$20

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Ladies of Liberty Shirts \$10

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Webmaster –

Please check out ALL our sponsors' business cards on www.libertyabate.org. Pay them a visit, let them know you seen their business card on Liberty's web page as they sponsor us.

Less than a month is left to take advantage of Liberty's \$500.00 scholarship program. The Liberty Scholarship Application is available. The deadline for application submission is Jan. 1, 2017. If interested application and inquires must be mailed to LIBERTY ABATE, P.O.1502, MATTOON, IL 61938.

Remember if you move please provide Cathy Curl your updated contact information.



They Say It Is Your Birthday.....

Marsha Homann	1/1
Geoff Boyd	1/8
Larry Trotter Jr.	1/9
Bernice Wingler	1/12
Kenneth Crary	1/12
James Jenkins	1/16
Mark Neff	1/19
Joel Wannemacher	1/22
Patsy Harrington-Jones	1/25
Don Dow	1/25
Patrick Nester	1/26
Twila Simpson	1/26
Wendy Brown	1/27
Randy Seeley	1/27
Shawn Brunson	1/31

Memberships due in January –

- Steve Romine
- Heidi Kiper
- Maria Graziano
- Carey Paxton
- Mike Kibler

If you have an email address, please let me know at 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.

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NEXT MEETING

Dec. 19, 2016 at The Local on 45, not actually a meeting. It will be turnover of officers and construction of fruit baskets at 6 PM. Please bring snacks to share.

Chris Robertson
 217-549-3342
 car99r@gmail.com
 12 W Vine Ave
 Charleston, IL 61920
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Liberty donated \$500 to Cops for Kids at Mattoon Police Station. Pictured from left to right: MPD Officer Shawn Brunson, Gary Reynolds, MPD Officer Alex Hesse, Dennis Arnold, and Glenn Brunson.

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 1005 N. 15th St. Mattoon, IL 61938

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Located on
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Liberty donated \$500 to One Stop Community at the Salvation Army. Pictured from left to right: Dennis Arnold, Salvation Army Major Jason Pollom, Honey Davis, Gary Reynolds, and Glenn Brunson.