

American Red Cross –

Tracy Peterson spoke to the chapter to answer questions about our upcoming blood drive Aug. 19 at the VFW in Mattoon from 2-6 PM. A person can donate blood six times a year. She thanked our chapter for their willingness to sponsor a blood drive.



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Vice President –

3/20/16 I & Bonnie Brunson, attended a safety motorcycle class at Coziahr Harley Davidson dealership. About 40 others attended from area A.B.A.T.E. chapter. Jodi West, from Prairieland ABATE, conducted the class with Mike Koester, ABATE of Illinois, Inc. Safety Coordinator. This class was definitely worthwhile. A good presentation of this motorcycle awareness and safety program. I would recommend others to attend if they get the opportunity. Lessons were about T-clock checklist, awareness of motorcycle conditions, how to ride smart, equipment, road hazards, rider impairment, proper signaling, defensive driving, and a lot more. So I sign out by stating, "MAKE SMART DECISIONS, ride safe and be responsible for your ride."

4/2/16 I & Bonnie Brunson; Joel and Carol Wannanmacher attended East Central meeting in Decatur at Prairieland ABATE. Scott Carter, East Central Coordinator, held the meeting, where he made a strong statement on how we ALL need to do more to get more members into ABATE. Many other chapters attended and gave updates on what they do to get more members and what activities they have planned. I highly recommend members to attend East Central ABATE meetings. Very good information and a

great way to meet others from ABATE chapters and see what they are doing in their chapters. At this time no date has been posted on next meeting when it is I will let ya'll know.

East Central Region Raffle Winners –

1st Julie Pratt 9 mm
2nd Doug Mahler Crossbow
3rd Brian Hoenes Concealed Carry (Mattoon)
4th Jane Smith 5 yr. membership
5th David Hall 1 yr. couple membership (Humboldt)

Legislative/State Board –

HB6281 changes registration to 2 yrs. And increases late fees
SB3279 increase late registration fees by 50%
ABATE opposes the above bills.

You may have received information about free insurance as an ABATE member. Yes, all members are provided AD&D insurance as a benefit of their membership. If you send in the card and have a problem with the insurance agent, please let Joel Wannenmacher know so he may report it to the State.



Moonshine Ride pictured left to right: Susie Hexum, Alan Ferguson, Bridget Adamson, Twila Simpson.

Activities –

April 9 – Moonshine Ride – we had 4 riders attend – 3 of which were women riders – GO LADIES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

April 23 – Blessing of the Bikes/Shakedown Ride
 – meet from 10 – 11 at The Local on 45 will ride to Best Church for blessing by Brother Daryl
 May 1 – Annual Safety & Awareness Rally
 May 7 – Membership Drive at Mattoon
 Kawasaki – 10 am to 3 pm
 May 22 – Windshield Wash on I-57 – leave from Lytle Park at 11:30 am
 May 28 – Spring Fling Run for Camp New Hope by Scott Tucker – details to be announced



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Maria Graziano, owner of J&M Novelties & More, holding a banner that Speed Graffix (Zach Helton) made for her.



They Say It Is Your Birthday.....

Birthdays in April that were accidentally omitted –

- Becky Williams 4/45
- Wendi Fruhling 4/27

- Todd Gardner 5/2
- Jeremy Smith 5/2
- Valerie Tucker 5/2
- Joseph Monfort 5/4

Carey Paxton 5/6
 Robert Adamson 5/8
 Tom Simpson 5/15
 Maria Graziano 5/16

Memberships due in May-

Amy Abbott
 Joseph Abbott

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NEXT MEETING

May 22, 2016 at Lytle Park Mattoon, IL.
Officers meet at 11 AM (all members welcome) and leave for Windshield Wash on I-57 at 11:30 AM.



2016 Liberty ABATE Officers pictured left to right in back: Joel Wannemacher, Cathy Curl, Zach Helton, Bonnie Brunson, Carol Wannemacher, Susie Hexum, Carey Paxton, Dennis Arnold, Glenn Brunson, Alan Ferguson, and Gary Reynolds.