

Vice President -

Many member's showed up to help out as we all did a fine job working together for water sales and Joel Wannanmacher selling State raffle tickets kept him busy...Thanks to Henry Magee and Gary Reynolds for donating the 12 cases of water. Huge thanks to Scott and Valerie Tucker as they donated ice from The Local on 45. We appreciate all that came out to help as participation makes all events worthwhile.

Vice President Glenn Brunson



Back left to right: Dennis Arnold, Henry Magee, Gary Reynolds, Carol Wannemacher, Honey Davis, & sitting Bonnie Brunson.

Please keep Tim Floyd and Zach Helton in your thoughts as they work through their health issues.

Activities –

- Aug. 20 Winery Run sign up from 10-11 AM at The Local on 45
- Aug. 26 – Blood Drive from 2-6 PM at the VFW in Mattoon, IL
- Aug. 26 – We roasting the hog all night at Moultrie County 4H Grounds Sullivan, IL – BYOB
- Aug. 27 – Hog Roast Family Day from noon to 8 PM at Moultrie County 4H Grounds Sullivan, IL bring your own drinks and a covered dish. It is \$5 at gate and \$3 for plate of meat
- Sept. 17 – Sunset Ride - TBD
- Sept. 18 – Highway 45 cleanup meet at The Local on 45 at noon
- Sept. 23-25 – Backwoods Biker Bash at Moultrie County 4H Grounds Sullivan, IL – bands, bike show, bike rodeo, and camping



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<http://libertyabate.org/>

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

Merchandise-

Hoodies	\$25
Long Sleeve Shirts	\$20
Sleeveless Shirts	\$15
Safety Green Shirts	\$13
2016 Anniv. Party Shirt	\$10
2015 Anniv. Party Shirt	\$10
2014 Anniv. Party Shirt	\$5
Ladies of Liberty Shirts	\$10
Fleece Headbands	\$8
Patches	\$3
Koozies	\$2
Yard Sign	\$5

During our 2016 Bagelfest booth we sold 12 cases of water (268 bottles x .50 = \$134) as the people looked for the Liberty ABATE booth, which was a huge plus for our P.R as we sold out late Saturday evening. We gave out 6 membership applications.

Products also sold 7 Start seeing Motorcycle signs, 2 patches, 1 koozie, 1 cap, and 7 shirts. So over all a successful weekend at our booth to help make the public aware of Liberty and motorcycle awareness.

Products officer Bonnie Brunson....

Legislative –

A few things we are watching on the Federal level are the following bills:

H.R. 4673 **WE OPPOSE**-The Renewable fuel utilization, expansion and leadership Act. Also known as the REFUEL ACT would expand the availability of E-15 fuel by handing out grants for pumps and storage tanks to be used with renewable fuels such as E-15 and higher blends of gasoline. As many of you may know this fuel cannot be used by anything but flex fuel cars and trucks, and cannot go in your bikes or any small engine, but there is constant pressure to expand the use of these fuels. There are no Cosponsors of this bill from Illinois.

H.R. 5180 **WE SUPPORT**-Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016. This bill would cap ethanol at E-10, no mid-level blends.

H.R. 1861 and S.127- **WE SUPPORT**-To stop funding for Motorcycle only checkpoints. These bills have 4 Illinois Cosponsors

H.R.21-**WE SUPPORT**-Comprehensive testing of the effects of E-15 on engines.

With Congress on recess till September 6th there is time to make your position known to Your representative on these issues. If you have internet access it's very easy to leave a comment at shimkus.house.gov/contact for our 15th district representative John Shimkus.

Here is the 2017 General Assembly Agenda for Illinois-these are what we will be working on in the coming year.

- 1.Promote and protect the Cycle Rider Safety Program.
- 2.Promote and protect off road riding resources.
- 3.Work with local governments to prevent ordinances that would place restrictions on motorcycle sound different from state code.
- 4.Prevent discrimination by establishments based on whether a patron rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle attire.
- 5.Oppose rising levels of ethanol in our gasoline.
- 6.Oppose all mandatory helmet laws, whether for adult or children.

- 7.Support the addition of Blue accent lighting.
- 8.Support legislation for a Motorcycle lemon law.

As you can see from this list, we have a lot to do. That is why it is so important to be a member of ABATE, because without YOU we have lost our voice in Springfield and Washington. Strength comes from many voices speaking together, so keep up your membership, have a membership application with you, sign up your motorcycling friends because if you ride, on road or off, ABATE protects your rights.

Webmaster –

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Liberty wishes TIM FLOYD a happy, relaxed, fun filled, riding the country, and enjoying his winter home in Florida upon his retirement.

***** happy retirement Tim Floyd and his wife Cathy *****



They Say It Is Your Birthday.....

Thomas Corbin	9/5
Evelyn Weber	9/7
Jerry Dunn	9/8
Marlys Prah	9/9
Ron Burton	9/10
Henry Magee	9/19
Jeff Clark	9/20
Denise Sinclair	9/20
Phil Mettendorf	9/24

Memberships due in September –

- Jeff Clark
- Honey Davis
- Diana Fearday
- Keith Fearday
- Robert Oliver
- Nicole Scott
- Denise Sinclair
- Scott Tucker
- Valerie Tucker

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.

A comment heard after the meeting, "I looked down and it looked like my toe nail polish was melting." Yes, there is a back story behind this line. You miss a lot if you don't go to the meetings.

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NEXT MEETING

September 11, 2016 at The Local on 45 with officers meeting at 1 PM and membership at 1:30 PM.

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