

NOTICE - THERE WILL NOT BE A LIBERTY MARCH NEWSLETTER!

President –

Jan. 21-22, I attended the State Seminar along with Liberty members Bonnie Brunson, Susie Hexum, Steve Benjamin, Joel and Carol Wannemacher, Gary Reynolds, Cathy Prather Ash, Mike Kibler, and Dave Myers. Well, all attended classes for more knowledge on ABATE issues and our positions within the chapter. The weekend went very well and glad I had the opportunity to go. I attended 5 classes which was time well spent. As I attended a session on "LANE SPLITTING", which I am sure we all will be hearing more on this issue. But for now, ABATE is against this, but there are others pushing to get this in law for Illinois. Many issues must be approached and taken into consideration and to get the education out to **ALL** motorist for safety concerns.

Many awards were given out to ABATE Chapters. I see no reason why Liberty won't get more recognition and awards at next year's seminar. We will work on it.

Also, let's remember **ALL** of our documents and flyers we must list as " LIBERTY ABATE, INC". We are incorporated and it is a good thing as it keeps our name forever, no other can use it, and also for tax reasons that we use Fed Tax I.D not individuals S.S.

ABATE's attorney Rod Taylor always has an interesting class with so much knowledge to share.

On Feb. 4th, I attended OLD RIVER's 30th Anniversary party in Shelbyville, as did many other members from Liberty. It was a very good time as we supported another ABATE chapter. Let us not forget EMBARRAS VALLEY ABATE will be having their party Feb. 18th at Sweepers in Arcola.



Well we once again have made it through another anniversary party! On 2/11/17 we had our 30th Anniversary party at The Local on 45. I thank Valerie Tucker for the use of her business and for helping with so much getting this year's party together and it was a success. Huge thanks to Henry Magee was a long day with everything you did. He definitely is an over achiever as he takes on so many tasks and is an officer as well.

Thanks to Steve Benjamin and Mike Kibler for selling the wagon of fun playing cards. They sold all 52 cards - awesome job.

Thanks to Tito and his lovely wife for another awesome job of being our auctioneer. As I thank Alan & Pam Ferguson for helping to make sure we collected the names and money from the Live Auction sales. Thanks to Chris Lindsay and Becky Williams for taking care of the silent auction items.

Thanks to Chris Lindsay and Becky Williams for staying the evening to take entrance fees and make sure everything at front table went very well. I know it got tiresome with no breaks. Thanks to Cathy Curl for helping at the door.



Thanks Cathy Ashe and Dave Myers for taking on the task of collection for the 50/50. Good Job.

Thanks so much to the officers and members who did help out to a make this event possible.

Thanks to many more who helped with food donations and items for silent and live auctions.

Was great seeing our regional coordinator, Scott Carter who won the Liberty ABATE quilt at a very reasonable price. WOW, good bidding Scott and thanks.

I must take time to say thanks to my wife Bonnie Brunson, also product officer, for the numerous hours she put in getting the silent auction baskets together. Good job. Without the help of people helping, working together this would not be possible. Thank you ALL!

Winners from the Anniversary Party were:

Winners of raffle drawing -

1st prize - Marie Eveland \$500.00

2nd prize - Phil Winnings \$250.00

3rd prize - Ed Marshal 5 year ABATE membership

50/50 won by Cath Curl which was \$150.00 and donated \$100.00 back to Liberty's Toys for Tots, thanks Cat.

Fun wagon full of stuff for enjoyment won by Gary Reynolds.

Bottle of coins donated by Valerie Tucker was won by Mike Kibler.

OK now as we look forward to more events let's all work together to make it a successful year. Check our website for a list of events. Stay involved the best you can as we go forth to bring in more members and share the road with **ALL** vehicles.

Stay safe, ride free, and be careful! A better riding season is getting closer.

Glenn Brunson President

Activities –

Feb. 18 – ABATE Board of Director's meeting Springfield, IL

Feb. 18 – Embarras Valley's Anniversary Party at Sweepers in Arcola, IL at 6 PM

Feb. 19 – ABATE Swap Meet at the Springfield State Fairgrounds in the Orr building 10 AM – 3 PM

March 8 – Legislative Day Springfield, IL – contact Joel Wannemacher for more information

March 11 – Broomstick Pool and Chili Cook-off – Sign up 2-3 PM at The Local on 45

March 19 – Highway 45 Cleanup weather permitting at 1 PM at The Local on 45

April 8 – Moonshine Run sign up at 10 AM at The Roadhouse

April 22 – Blessing of the Bikes & Shake Down Run Sign up 11-12 at The Best Mobile Wedding Chapel (will be located by the courthouse) in Shelbyville, IL

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**They Say It Is Your Birthday.....**

Pam Ferguson	3/1
Chris Lindsay	3/1
Nicole Scott	3/5
David Myers	3/11
Dwight Fitt	3/12
Bridget Adamson	3/22
Gary Reynolds	3/24

Melody Colbert	3/25
David Hall	3/25
Larry Plummer	3/28

Aaron Patrick	4/2
Al Volk	4/6
Tadd Kempton	4/18
Becky Williams	4/25
Carol Wannemacher	4/26
Wendi Fruhling	4/27
Alan Ferguson	4/28
David Barnes	4/29

Memberships due in March –

Sam Addis
Dwight Fitt
Lolly Lowe
Phil Mettendorf
Donald Parmer
Randy Seeley
Becky Williams

Memberships due in April –

David Hall
Rena Hall
Gary Hamm
Jeff Jenkins
Julie Jenkins
Tyler Johnson
Eric Wright
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NEXT MEETINGS

March 12, 2017 at The Local on 45 officers meet at 1 PM and members at 1:30 PM.

April 9, 2017 at The Local on 45 officers meet at 1 PM and members at 1:30 PM.



2017 Officers from left to right in front: Susie Hexum, Alan Ferguson, Gary Reynolds, Cathy Curl, David Myers, Bonnie Brunson, Glenn Brunson, Valerie Tucker, Carol Wannemacher, Joel Wannemacher, Henry Magee, Dennis Arnold



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