

President –

Well this is my 1st as president, I welcome everyone to 2017. As I have goals I hope we all get involved with this year.

First on the agenda is safety during all our events. Think smart and stay alert.

Second is membership, as I challenge all members to get out and help with getting new members to join. Get involved!

Third participation is how we get money toward our Toys for Tots and Fruit basket funds which are our biggest funds for our community. I know we all cannot do everything we have on the calendar plus other rides that occur but I am sure we can make more than a few events within the year.

Fourth Liberty's 30th Anniversary party on Feb. 11, 2017. This is our biggest event that brings in most of our needed money, participation is necessary. If every member would buy at least one book of raffle tickets (\$20.00), it would help tremendously. Along with those outside sale of raffle tickets. What a difference that would make in our budget.

Fifth as we all know state ABATE membership has gone down. If we all don't stay involved and get needed membership, well the outcome is not good, as we are seeing chapters folding up for lack of members and lack of participation. I am looking forward to being President 2017 with goals that are needed.

Liberty is a fun chapter with good activities. Stay safe and remember Liberty's products t-shirts, raffle tickets, magnets, etc. puts money back into our chapter. Together we can make a difference. Thanks for the great job all of our past officers have done to help keep Liberty as it is today.

Thanks for listening and looking forward to a good 2017.

Glenn Brunson Liberty's President



2016 President Dennis Arnold presenting an award to Val Tucker & Scott Tucker (not pictured) for all the work they do for Liberty.

Activities –

Jan. 20 & 21 – State Seminar at the Northfield Inn & Suites 3280 Northfield Dr. Springfield, IL 62702

Feb. 4 – Old River Anniversary Party at 6 PM at the Sit-N-Sip in Shelbyville, IL

Feb. 11 – Liberty's Anniversary Party at the Local on 45 at 5 PM

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

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



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Liberty ABATE gives our condolences to member Joel Wannemacher for the loss of his brother, Doris L. Brown for the loss of her aunt, and Cathy Curl for the loss of her great granddaughter. The loss of family and friends is never an easy task of life. We wish great memories to help you in times like this and God bless.



Please remember Wendy Brown as she is undergoing radiation treatment. Cards may be sent to either: 1103 S. Main St. Apt. 6 Sullivan, IL 61951 or Hope Lodge Attention: Wendy Harlin Brown 4215 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63108.

Webmaster –

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State Board/Legislative -


Off Road Riding Park-the continuing saga-we voted on signing a petition to ask the state to release the funds for the development of the park, we join the AMA and Dept. of Natural Resources on the petition along with others. The State has the funds, but again because of no budget they cannot release them. So here we are-we have the land, we have the money, and no action. Again-to be continued.

Abate of Illinois Budget-there has been a lot of hand wringing over the budget this year, we simply do not have the income to continue operating thinking its business as usual. As of Dec. 10,'s board meeting, we were short about \$17,000.00. So, to save some money, the Board voted to combine the January and February issues of the state paper. This is a one-time thing, since it costs about \$3500.00 in printing and mailing costs, to try to plug a big hole in the budget. The long-term solution is to have more members, and then we would not have a problem. Have you asked those who ride that you might know to join ABATE? The benefits far outweigh the cost of only \$25.00 per year. The legal program alone is worth that, since our lawyer Rod Taylor, who if you have a legal problem will give you a free consult, along with free will prep, was voted by US News and World Report as one of the top ten lawyers in the country. If you know Rod as I do, you would know he has a passion for biking and for helping bikers.

State Seminar-January 20-21. It will soon be here and we are looking for good representation from Liberty Chapter. If you haven't attended, what is Seminar? From all over the State of Illinois the chapters get together, we exchange ideas and interact with other members, and if you are a new officer, there are workshops all Saturday afternoon covering how to do your job, whether it be membership, activities or safety and ed, you can get pointers on how to do it better. There

are two fundraisers for our PACs on Friday it will be for Fed Pac, and Saturday will be the Abate Pac fundraiser and banquet. There is a full schedule of activities for the weekend. And yes, we have the infamous hospitality room, with entertainment, food, and of course adult beverages.

Legislative news-the last election lost ABATE a good friend-state senator Gary Forby (59th)-he was always there for us to help out any way he could, a true biker. Our legislative coordinator Bob Myers hosted a meeting with several groups who oppose the E-15 mandate and attempt to push E-10 out of the marketplace. Joining him was the IL petroleum council, AMA and classic car groups and off roaders, all who will be impacted by lack of fuel. The Government has a plan to phase out E-10 over the next ten years. We are hoping to get enough groups together to help keep our fuels. On the federal level, we are looking to get an anti-profiling bill introduced in the 115th Congress. HR 831, which is a house resolution, which had broad support and ABATE is looking to push this through as a bill. There have been problems in some parts of the country where bikers were being stopped just because of their attire. On this note I would like to give a shout out to Bob Myers, who is stepping down from the post as legislative officer. He had a way to interact with our politicians that was really amazing, I have learned a lot from him, and will always appreciate the passion he brought to his post. Thank you, Bob!



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NEXT MEETING

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



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