

CHAPTER BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report -

We missed in November discussing donating to the our Political Action Committees (PACs) so we voted to donate \$500 to the state PAC, \$500 to the federal PAC, and \$200 to Safety and Education.

State Board & Legislative -

ABATE of IL did not renew the contract with their webmaster. They are looking for a new one. It pays \$200/month if interested call the State Office at (800) 87-ABATE.

Bruce Rauner (GOP Gubernatorial Candidate) donated \$1000 to ABATE of Illinois' general fund.

Bills to fix the Poker Run bill are 3694, 3703, and 3733. Please support these bills so our chapter does not have to get a permit to host poker runs and to prevent the state from getting a portion of the proceeds.

Membership -

We have 108 members at this time. This is an all time low and it ties our membership from March 2013.

Activities -

We will see some changes with the activities schedule which is still under development.

Anniversary Party is Feb. 15, 2014 at the Moose Lodge Mattoon, IL. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Silent and live auctions will be conducted with the band, "Squealer" taking the stage 8 - midnight. Members are asked to bring finger foods. Raffle tickets are available see an anniversary planning committee member - Alan, Pam, Joel, Carol, Glenn, Bonnie, & Susie.

State Seminar is Jan. 17-20, 2014 in Springfield, IL.

March 8, 2014 will be the Broomstick Tournament & Chili Cook Off. Time & location TBD.

March 1, 2014 is Embarras Valley's Anniversary Party at It'll Do Arcola, IL. Doors open at 5:00 PM.



Get your merchandise here! The products ladies have announced the following merchandise:

- Green Safety T-shirts \$15 (these are really cool - picked up one myself)
- Ladies of Liberty T-shirts \$10
- Headbands \$8
- Cozies \$2
- Patches \$3
- Yard Signs \$5

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>

MEMBERS' CORNER

New Year, New Challenges.

As we enter a new year there are many challenges that ABATE as an organization faces, let's look at a couple of them-

1. Declining membership-On a state level we are down to about 9500, members, we have lost about a thousand members in the last year. The strength of ABATE is our members, every member counts-YOU Count! Do you know a biker that is not a member? Sign em up! The fight for our rights as bikers is an ongoing challenge, not a one and done, for Big Brother is out there, just waiting to slap us with more

laws. Remember our motto-Let Those Who Ride Decide!

2. The Poker Run Act, This is huge, not just for us but for anyone who wants to raise money with a poker run, such as our friends at CIMC with the annual Camp New Hope run. Everyone is concerned with the cost and idiotic licensing requirements. But-We Will Fix This! Abate of Illinois is supporting the following bills- HB3694,HB3703,HB3733. This is where you come in-call your Representative, ask him to support these bills. Our Representative is Brad Halbrook (217-348-1110) and Senator Dale Righter (217-235-6033). These calls really help, and they work!

Finally- a big Thank You! to our officers who volunteered their time and energy to help run your chapter. As we start a new year there are some new faces in office, so come out and meet your new officers at the next meeting. Also the departing officers a big thanks for your service, Tom and Twila Simpson, Paul and Evelyn Weber and Dave Myers, your efforts for our chapter are greatly appreciated. On the state level, thanks to Mike Myers for his service as state coordinator, that is a huge job with great responsibility, and unless you attended state board you don't really realize the dedication it takes to volunteer for that job!

Ride Safe!

Joel Wannemacher State Board-Legislative

They Say It Is Your Birthday.....

February Birthdays -

LeeAnn Roberts 2/4

David Huff 2/7

Diane Dow 2/12

Tanya Arnold 2/13

Alan Ingle 2/17

Mike Osborn 2/17

Sharon Kneisler 2/18

Zach Helton 2/19

Susie Hexum 2/20

Angie Snider 2/21

Glenn Brunson 2/22

Terri Etchason 2/25

Karen Franklin 2/25



Memberships due in February -

Jeff Clark

Jerry Dunn

Seth Forch

Michael Greenwood

Ryan Monfort

LeeAnn Roberts

Nicole Scott

Bernice Wingler

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NEXT MEETING

**February 9, 2014 at the Moose Lodge
Mattoon, IL at 1:30 PM.**