

## CHAPTER BUSINESS

Liberty ABATE now has a storage unit. We paid for an entire year, which saved our chapter \$96.00, thanks to our President's great negotiation skills. Way to go Alan!

State Board/Legislative: The State party will be held in Petersburg, IL in 2014. HB 2520 passed and has been sent to the Governor's office for his signature. This bill legalizes poker runs, dice runs, etc. for non-profit organizations.

Membership: We have had 14 renewals which brings the total to 118 members.

Safety & Ed: Carey has been unable to schedule many driver's education awareness classes because he is recovering from shoulder surgery. Let's all wish him a speedy recovery!

The Suntan Santa run will be pushed back to September. This run raises money for our toys for tots and fruit baskets for seniors. The 24 month calendar can still be purchased for \$10 and they are at the Icehouse. The calendar profits are split between Camp New Hope and our toys for tots and fruit baskets for senior citizens.

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

2013 Anniversary T-shirts \$9

2012 Anniversary T-shirts \$5

Cozies \$2

Patches \$3

Yard Signs \$5

Our products gals have ordered v-neck T-shirts:



Front: Thanks ladies for modeling, Twila & Pam.

Back:



Make sure to check out our website. If you haven't visited the website it can be found at: <http://libertyabate.org/>

We had 78 hits on our website in June and 57 so far for July.

We can be found on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/liberty.abate>  
We have 610 friends on Facebook.

If you have an email address please let me know at [onfire@consolidated.net](mailto: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.

## SAFETY TIP

### **Positioning -**

#### Space Cushion

Where you place yourself in the flow of traffic is another of your street riding strategies.

Position your motorcycle to create a "space cushion" between yourself and other vehicles.

This not only helps you see traffic situations more clearly, it provides essential reaction time and leaves an escape route - an alternate path of travel.

#### Lane Placement

There is no one best lane position. You must constantly adjust and readjust your position depending on changing traffic conditions. These considerations affect your choice of lane position:

- Increasing your ability to see traffic.

- Increasing your visibility to other motorists.
- Avoiding other motorists' blind spots.
- Avoiding surface hazards.
- Protecting your lane from other drivers.
- Communicating your intentions.
- Avoiding wind blast from other vehicles.
- Providing an escape route.

#### Following Distance

A minimum space cushion allows two seconds between yourself, the car in front, and the car behind. Use a fixed-object count-off method to establish that following distance.

Pick out a fixed object ahead of you. As soon as the vehicle in front of you passes the object, count off, "One-thousand-one, One-thousand-two." If you haven't reached the same object by the time you finish counting, your following distance meets the two-second minimum for low speeds. But remember the word "minimum."

A safe following distance is based on part on a rider's ability to brake and the distance needed to stop. Looking well ahead 12-14 seconds and actively scanning a four-second immediate path of travel will help you identify hazards that would require quick action.

#### Stopping Distance

When choosing a following distance, it is important to know that as speed increases, the distance required to stop increases dramatically. It is also important to recognize that it takes time to react before braking begins. That time translates into distance traveled.

Poor road conditions will increase the distance required to stop. Be prepared for longer stopping distances when stopping safely on wet roadways, or on loose or slippery roadway surfaces.

To be able to achieve this kind of braking performance in real traffic situations, riders should:

- Actively search for potential hazards.
- Cover the brake in high risk areas like intersections, unfamiliar areas, and

other traffic situations that would require quick stops. This will help minimize reaction time.

- Check traffic to the rear.
- Practice stopping quickly.
- Match following distances to stopping distances, especially at higher traffic speeds.

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RiderCourse Student Workbook Riding and Street Skills from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation

### MEMBER APPRECIATION

This is a new feature which Glenn Brunson created. The idea is to increase our attendance at the meetings. Each month in the newsletter we will randomly select a member. If you see your name listed in the newsletter and come to the next meeting - the chapter will buy you a beverage of your choice. So the lucky winner for the June meeting is:

**Heidi Kiper** - come on down - you are the winner of a free beverage, of your choice, at our August 11 meeting. You must show up to our August 11 meeting to collect your prize.

### ADVERTISEMENTS

Rekindling the ad section - you may purchase an ad at the following prices:

**business card size ad** \$5/month or \$50/year

**half page ad** \$15/month or \$150/year

**full page ad** \$30/month or \$300/year

### NEXT MEETING

**AUGUST 11, 2013 1:30 pm at the  
Moose lodge in Mattoon, IL**