

Legislative -

By now you may have heard that our Accent Lighting bill HB3944 passed the state Senate 56-0! It now heads to the Governor's desk for his signature. Thanks to all who called or emailed your Representatives, it does make a difference. Our other bills have not made it through the Senate as of yet, and will probably wait till the fall session. Soon you will be able to add those extra lights and use them! Remember that they cannot be red or blue, and can't flash or oscillate.

News from State Board -

At our last State Board meeting in April the matter of the Junior Abate program was deferred till our next meeting, which was held on June 14. It was decided to keep the bylaws as is and restrict full membership in ABATE to those over 18. However, a chapter can still set up a junior program but cannot call them members. It is a strictly voluntary effort to get young people interested in what we do.

The Ford County chapter was voted to allow a name change-to State Line Riders.

Two chapters lost their voting privileges because their tax forms had not been turned into the state office. It was decided that they would have to turn in their papers to the IRS on their own, which was estimated to cost about \$900 each! State Abate has to file on time, so there really were no other options. **Kudos to our treasurer Carol for filing on time!**

The saga of the off road riding park continues. If you were not aware-when the IDNR Sustainability Act was passed, included was a tax on off road vehicles. The flip side was the state would provide land for an off road riding park. Well that has not happened, so ABATE will now have our friends introduce legislation repealing the tax. We have been waiting three years and felt enough is enough!

News from the United Nations –

You might be asking what does the UN have to do with us? The UN recently passed a resolution - Article 50 - which calls on all member nations to adopt widespread highway safety laws, which of course includes universal helmet use. Now it seems that such would have to pass through Congress to be adopted, which under current leadership would be unlikely. However, our President has a history of using Executive Orders to pass unpopular rules, so we will have to keep an eye out for further developments.

Ever wonder what happens at a State Board meeting? Would you like to learn more about how Abate works on the state level? Any member is welcome to attend the meetings; it is after all YOUR organization! If you would like to attend the next meeting is August 15. Contact me for the details.
Ride Smart!

Membership -

Liberty has 100 members

Activities -

June 26-28 - State Party will be held at the Menard County Fairgrounds in Petersburg IL which is north of Springfield.

June 27 - Sunset ride - sign in at the Oasis 2-3 pm stops are Ashmore, Walnut Point, Arcola and finish at the Local on 45

July 1 - Vietnam traveling wall motorcycle escort meet at mall by sears 4:30 leave at 5:30 everyone riding will need to sign liability release and receive wristbands. We will have a police escort. Afterwards free hot dogs at VFW in Charleston. They are looking for volunteers for security.

July 12 after chapter meeting will be backwoods biker bash committee meeting, bash is September 25-27

July 17-18 – Bagelfest we will have a booth set up

July 25 – Local on 45 Run and Auction - 50/50 and gun raffle tickets for sale, half of proceeds will go to Liberty

July 25 - is ABATE east central region party in Cerro Gordo.

Aug. 1 – Chicks in Charge ride

Adopt a highway - we will have to pick a date for trash pickup get supplies, safety vests, trash bags at high way dept.

We have gun raffle tickets proceeds to pay for biker bash they are \$10.

Joel Wannemacher has State bike raffle tickets for \$5; the first prize is a Road King.

July 11, 2015- Debbie (Harley Peach) Ponder and Tim Crawford wedding at 4 pm at Peterson Park. It will be a motorcycle wedding. Reception to follow at 5 pm at Spanky’s. Harley Peach and Tim are going to provide a DJ for karaoke. Covered dishes welcomed. Liberty ABATE is invited. Come out and celebrate the union between these two bikers.

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>

Merchandise-

- Safety Green Shirts \$13
- 2015 Anniv. Party Long Sleeves \$12
- 2015 Anniv. Party Short Sleeves \$11
- 2014 Anniv. Party Shirt \$5
- Ladies of Liberty Shirts \$5
- Fleece Headbands \$8
- Patches \$3
- Koozies \$2

Yard Sign \$5

Photos-

I received a suggestion from a member – send in your photos. Examples are first bike and current bike, first rally, kids/grandkids wearing liberty clothing, etc..... I will try to get them into our newsletter.



They Say It Is Your Birthday.....

Tony Harris	7/1
Don Gedeon	7/24
Theresa Edwards	7/25
Keith Fearday	7/25
Shane Jones	7/31

Memberships due in July-

- Dennis Arnold
- Jeff Clark
- Alan Ferguson
- Pam Ferguson
- Mike Grigg
- Susie Hexum
- Shane Jones
- Tom Standley
- Joyce Standley

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NEXT MEETING

July 12, 2015 at the Moose Lodge in Mattoon, IL. Officers meet at 1 PM and chapter meeting at 1:30 PM.

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