

CHAPTER BUSINESS**State Board/Legislative-**

SB2633 (Koehler, Holmes, Sullivan) Off Road sticker bill passed the Senate 56-0 and now on the way to House.

SB3312 (Forby) Poker Run bill passed executive committee and on to Senate floor. Will amend it again as it goes through the Senate. The Floor vote is the week of the 19th. Hope to get this done by the end of March!! Then off to the Governor for signing. Bob Myers said, "This issue will be solved/fixed before your run is to take place. Go ahead and set up but I would HIGHLY suggest that you not buy any permits until this is fixed." Fee will be \$15/poker run.

SR 634 Ethanol resolution now in Agriculture and Conservation Committee. We will have a lot more opposition as the Corn and Ethanol Lobby will have out of state professional speakers in the capitol lobbying against us. EVERYONE needs to make the calls and participate on this. We are set to make HISTORY in the world of MRO's.

HB4223 (Brauer) Amends the Raffles Act and the Charitable Games Act. Provides for the regulation of poker runs as raffles rather than as charitable games events. Provides that poker runs shall be licensed by the governing body with jurisdiction over the key location and the license granted by the key location shall cover the entire poker run. The bill is still in committee should come out the week of the 19th.

A couple of bills that are being introduced are: banning cigarette smoking on motorcycles and when you test for motorcycle license endorsement you must test on the same size engine as what you will ride. Stay tuned folks!

Membership-

Five new members and four renewals which brings the total to 114 members.

Activities-

Our anniversary party was a success! We had 169 people attend. Fun was had by all.

Raffle winners were:

Gas/charcoal grill & \$130 grocery card - Bob Oliver

Barry's American Cycles \$200 gift certificate - Alysia Ammons

Wal-Mart \$100 gift card - Chris Lindsay

Casey's \$50 gift card - Scott Carter

50/50 - Dave Hart

Thanks to everyone who helped to support Liberty's event, and purchased raffle tickets. 50/50 and other items...Very much appreciated.

Comments collected on our facebook page about the anniversary party:

Scott Carter - "WOW just found out I won a fifty dollar gift card from [Liberty Abate](#) thank you for drawing my name".... again thanks and thanks.

Rachele- "we had so much fun at the abate party. We always look forward for the next year."

Craig- "Had a good time at Liberty Abate anniversary party last night..lol..of course I`m hung over now...seen some good friends I haven't seen in a while...whoowwhoow :)"

Julie Ann McCleary- "Thank you Liberty Abate for a good time!"

Thanks goes out to the anniversary party planning committee. A very BIG thank you goes to Bonnie Brunson and Carol Wannenmacher. Thank you Cathy Curl for helping with the live auction.

Sponsors who donated to our anniversary party - **THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Please remember these businesses when you are out and about:

Angelo's Pizza

AutoZone

Barry's American Cycle Shop

Bob's East Side Drive-In

Melody Ann Colbert

Das Schlacht Haus

Debuhrs

Donny's Place

Fit To A-Tee

Dave Hart
 Hickory Ridge Outfitters
 J&M DVD's, Mags, Sports Memorabilia
 Jimmy Pete's Bar
 Lifetime Eye Care
 Lolly Lowe
 The Moose Lodge #803
 Patrick Nester
 The Perfect Image
 The Pet Shoppe
 Roncetti's Distributing Co.
 Twila Simpson
 Spanky's
 Subway
 Time Out Lounge
 TNT Pizza
 Windsor Food Center
 Witt's Smokehouse

OPPORTUNITY has come knocking! - need someone to volunteer to be the 2015 Liberty ABATE Anniversary Party planning committee chairman. Here is a real chance for you to get involved and do some good for our chapter!

Thanks to all who participated and attended Liberty's Broomstick pool and chili cook off. Congratulations to the winners:
 Al Luster from Embarras Valley - 1st place in pool.
 Alan Ferguson Liberty ABATE - 2nd place in pool.
 Bonnie Brunson - 1st place for chili (yummy).
 Cheryl Carr from Eastern chapter - 2nd place for chili (mmmm....).
 50/50 was won by Delaine Gossard.

April 12, 2014 Moonshine Run meet at Roadhouse in Mattoon, IL at 9 am. Kickstands up at 9:30 am.

April 19, 2014 Blessing of the Bikes & Shakedown Run meet at Lytle Park in Mattoon, IL at 11 am. Shakedown run will begin at the Sit-n-Sip in Shelbyville, IL.

May 4, 2014 Safety Awareness Rally in Springfield, IL. Details to be released at a later

date. This is the rally that at one time was called the Freedom Rally.

May 10, 2014 Membership Drive details TBD.

May 18, 2014 Windshield Wash for Motorcycle Safety Awareness. Meet at Lytle Park in Mattoon, IL for an officer meeting and then leave for the rest stop. Details to be released at a later date.

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

Green Safety T-shirts	\$13 (these are really cool - picked up one myself)
2014 Anniversary T-shirts	\$12
Ladies of Liberty T-shirts	\$10
S. Paxton Sontan Santa Mem. ride T-shirts	\$5
2013 Anniversary T-shirts	\$5
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>

They Say It Is Your Birthday.....

April Birthdays -

- Kenneth Corrie 4/6
- Al Volk 4/6
- Raymond Hamilton 4/7
- Rebecca Williams 4/25
- Carol Wannemacher 4/26
- Alan Ferguson 4/28



CORRECTION -

Last month I erroneously printed Mark Esarey's membership was due in March.

Memberships due in April -

Tom Bartges
Theresa Edwards
Michael Edwards Sr.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER-

(Opinions from members)

"Well let me tell you a little bit about A.B.A.T.E of Illinois, Inc. Our mission statement means we are dedicated to protecting the rights of all motorcyclists, both street and trail riders. We intend to continue to do just that! This means that in addition to our proven record of success in representing the "street riders," we also include a successful record with our "off highway vehicle (OHV) committee. Here are some membership benefits: full time consultant; legal services; Downed Rider Program; monthly newsletter; identification card; membership patch; yearly rocker; A.B.A.T.E. products; quality motorcycling events throughout the year; safety and education programs; Federal and State political action committees. Come join us and help support a good cause. Join Liberty A.B.A.T.E and be heard. Thank you everyone in advance for your support." - Twila Simpson

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**April 13, 2014 at the Moose Lodge
Mattoon, IL at 1:30 PM.**

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